

# Giving: A Spiritual Investment The First Baptist Builder



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## Brian's Lines

This is such a busy and important time of the year. I hope that you don't miss any of the exciting things that are planned. This is a season for drawing closer to the Lord in thanksgiving and praise. And it is a time for drawing closer to the other members of our church family.



PLEDGE DAY . . . is this Sunday. How I am hoping and praying for a tremendous response to our challenging budget for 1984. With very little discussion, the budget was adopted by our people. It is a budget we can reach. And yet, it is a budget that covers a multitude of different ministries as we continue to be the church in this place. I want everyone of you to prayerfully consider what you will do for the Lord during 1984. Then, fill out that amount on your pledge card, sign it, and bring it with you Sunday morning. During the worship service, we will give you an opportunity to come forward with the other members of your Sunday School department to make your pledge. Let's pledge it all in one day!

IT'S FUN BEING A CHRISTIAN . . . according to the Bible. And we like to get in on that fun at First Baptist Church. One of our fun days is going to be next Monday when nearly 100 of us go to New Orleans for a Saints football game. There is nothing "spiritual" about that other than the fellowship which we will experience with each other. Don't ever underestimate that, for that is at the heart of the Christian life. I appreciate Jay's continued leadership in our recreation ministry.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY . . . to begin thinking about Christmas music. The Children's Choir program will be Sunday night, December 4. Then on two nights, December 11 and 12, the Adult Choir will present their Christmas program. Those are going to be special nights. You need to mark them on your calendar. THE CHALLENGER AWARD BANQUET . . . is right around the corner. Jay Johnston has been working with a number of individuals in getting ready for this big event. For those of you who are our new members, let me explain that this is an annual event which includes the football teams from seventeen different high

## PLEDGE DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

GIVING:  
A  
SPIRITUAL  
INVESTMENT



First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." — Deut. 16:17*

As an expression of my desire to be a good steward of the material possessions God has entrusted to my care I make this commitment. I pledge that:

☐ I will give a tithe or more and estimate my gifts to be  
\$        DOLLARS        CENTS per ☐ WK ☐ MO ☐ QRT ☐ YR

☐ I will give regularly and estimate my gifts to be  
\$        DOLLARS        CENTS per ☐ WK ☐ MO ☐ QRT ☐ YR

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

1984 BUDGET PLEDGE CARD

### ★ Every Member Pledging

Whether the pledge is to tithe or to give a set amount regularly, the key to pledging our 1984 budget is to have every member pledge to contribute.

### ★ Pledging To Be Done In The Morning Worship Service

Please bring your pledge card to the Morning Worship Service on November 20. (You may sit with your Sunday School Class or in your usual place in the auditorium — that choice is yours.)

## DAY OF PRAYER, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

In the Prayer Room, 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

## FAMILY NIGHT, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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schools, which is sponsored by our church. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Challenger Award to the young man from each school, selected by his teammates, as the spiritual leader of the team. Coach Grant Teaff, from Baylor University (go Bears!!) will be our featured speaker for the year. Some college athletes will be here to share their personal testimonies. The food and general format will be the same as in past

years. We want this banquet to be a time when some young men are touched for God. Will you pray to that end?

THIS SUNDAY . . . morning will be Pledge Day and my sermon will be directed toward that challenge. Sunday night, we will continue in our series on Revelation. My sermon will be entitled, "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire" and the Scripture text will be Revelation 8-11. I'll see you here for another exciting day.



## Giving: A *Spiritual* Investment



Several weeks ago Betty and I went through a periodic ritual that we call "straightening up the garage." In one corner near my work bench is a hanger where we put old keys. There must be twenty or thirty perfectly good ones of various shapes and sizes. Since they are unmarked and our memories are a bit dim, their intended use was a subject of discussion. "Honey, this looks familiar. Is it an old office key?"

"No. It looks like our house key from San Antonio . . . or was it Valdosta?"

Malachi 3:10 tells about a spiritual key for opening the very windows of heaven. "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" . . . "if you do I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in." (TLB)

A saved person has already received the gift of eternal life as a constant reminder of God's goodness. We begin our Christian lives with an indebtedness that can never be fully discharged. Though we may tithe to acknowledge His past goodness or present favor, in return we continue to get more than we give. The very act of giving brings joy to the heart and gives church membership new meaning. Tithing Christians unanimously testify to the spiritual reward it brings to their lives.

Like the keys that hang in our garage, if it is to be a blessing, the key to the windows of heaven must be used, or its intended purpose will soon be lost to us. What a tragedy to neglect an opportunity to receive His favor, to help spread the gospel to a needy world, and to make a lasting investment in eternity.

DAVE ANDREWS

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. Alma Hendricks

#### Specialty Care

Mary Charles Renfroe

#### Navy Hospital

Mr. Les Sasnett

#### Rehabilitation Institute

Mrs. Anna Rue Camp, Mrs. Barbara Lang

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Ella Sansing, Mrs. Lillian Crosby, Kimberly Colley

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lisa Norris on being elected president of the student council at East Hill Middle School and on being selected as Outstanding Student by the Optimist Club.



## DON'T FORGET!

- All Wednesday Activities for November 23, including Fellowship Dinner, will be held on TUESDAY, November 22.
- There will be Ladies' Luncheon on Tuesday, November 22.
- There will be no Businessmen's Luncheon on Thursday, November 24.
- The Church Office and CAC will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving Holiday.

## PARTNERSHIP EVANGELISM IN JAPAN



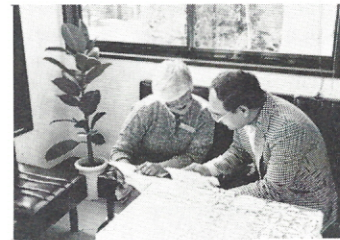
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### CAPTIONS:

1. Jean and Bob Askew put name cards and special messages in the Japanese-English Bibles in preparation for distribution.
2. An afternoon "Talk-Fest" gave us opportunity to meet other Christian workers. Pictured here with Bill are: a pastor from another Baptist church, a Hawaiian-born Japanese lady who was on staff of another church (and spoke English very well), and Du Pyo Kim, a missionary to Japan from a Christian church in Korea.
3. Bob is pictured here with two key lay leaders in the Edamitsu Baptist Church: Mr. Oka and Mr. Otagi.
4. Jean shares the gospel with Zeitsu when he came to the church to help distribute handbills. At this point he was attending church and working in it, but "not yet a Christian." He is now!

5. Bill gets help from Oka and his wife in putting name cards in the Bibles.
6. Bill and Bob both had speaking opportunities at Seinan Jo Gakwin Junior College. Here, Bill speaks to girl students majoring in pre-school education (at a weekly assembly meeting). Bob also spoke to two English classes at Kitakyushu University.
7. Pictured with Jean are the Pastor (Matsakura) and his wife as they distributed handbills in a market place.
8. One of Jean's many happy moments. Here she talks with two young students (in uniforms) whom we met on the first day and who later in the week became Christians. (Looking on is Eiko, an interpreter who was a Christian and a real God-send.)



## RECREATION News

### FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, November 18 — 6:00 P.M.  
MENU: Bar-B-Q on Bun, French Fries,  
Dessert, Coffee and Tea  
Adults: \$2.00  
Children: \$1.00 (12 years and under)  
Skating - Volleyball - Basketball

### BASKETBALL

Those interested in coaching basketball,  
meet at the Christian Activities Center on  
Sunday, November 20, 3:00 P.M.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL FANS**  
Those attending the New Orleans Saints  
game, remember the bus leaves promptly  
at 11:30 A.M., November 21.

### ACTEENS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE



On December 10th the Acteens will be  
sponsoring the sixth annual Christmas Shop-  
ping Spree at Escambia County Nursing  
Home. Donated gifts will be displayed and  
priced. Each nursing home resident will be  
given \$10.00 of First Baptist Church play  
money and will have an opportunity to  
purchase gifts for friends and family. Since  
most items are priced from \$1.00 to \$3.00,  
it takes many items

Acteens will assist residents with the  
shopping and provide gift wrapping services.  
If Sunday School classes or individuals  
would like to be involved, items should be  
turned in at the Church Office by Decem-  
ber 7th. Suggested items for men and  
women: homemade crafts, lotions and pow-  
der (in plastic bottles), socks, handker-  
chiefs, stationery, and ballpoint pens.

Without the Shopping Spree, many senior  
adults at Escambia County Nursing Home  
would not be able to shop for Christmas  
gifts.

### EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

BED BABIES . . . . Monique McBrayer  
CREEPERS . . . . Vicki Galloway  
TODDLERS . . . . Linda Bourne  
2's . . . . . Cara Gullede  
Pat Adams  
3's . . . . . Renee Napier  
4's . . . . . Cyndi Holt

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sun-  
day are in memory of E. L. (Dick)  
Puckett and are given by Mrs. Beth  
Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Puckett  
and Mr. and Mrs. Carson Walker.

### RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — NOVEMBER 13, 1983



Jeb and Kathryn Kelly



Ruby Sistrunk



Mona Barfield



Wallis and Ford Grissett

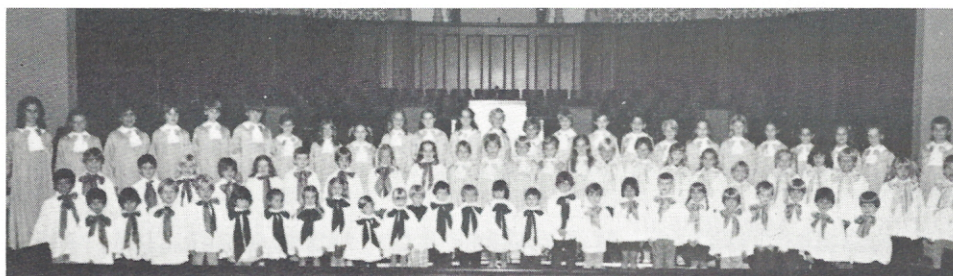
## MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

THANKS TO EACH ONE who had a part in last Sunday's special PRAISE SERVICE. The solos, duets, choir numbers, together helped to bring about a spirit that was so refreshing. The service was definitely one of the finest we've experienced. Let's keep that kind of spirit throughout the busy, sometimes exhausting, days ahead of us as we prepare for the Thanks-giving and Christmas seasons ahead.

GRADED CHOIRS, PARENTS, SANCTUARY CHOIR MEMBERS, CHAPEL SINGERS, etc. — don't forget that the week of Thanksgiving we move everything to Tuesday night — same schedules as usual.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE — Attendance was off last Sunday. Please try to be here this Sunday, third floor, Room S-301, at 5:00 P.M. One of our newest members, Elizabeth Christman, has agreed to be the director of this newly-organized group and she is very excited about it. She'll be counting on you, so don't miss out on this opportunity.



Graded Choirs, ages 4 through 5th grade, will present this year's Christmas program on December 4th at 6:15 P.M. Choir directors, their workers and Flo Minchew, choir coordinator, are hard at work to present to the congregation the story of Christmas in song.

### IN APPRECIATION

The internationals of First Baptist Church would like to express their deep apprecia-  
tion to the WMU, led by Pat Evans, for the  
delightful and meaningful Thanksgiving  
celebration Sunday, November 13. Our  
special thanks to all the mission organiza-  
tions which had a part in making the day  
a unique time of sharing our cultures with  
one another. The decorations, costumes,  
food, and program all added to the beau-  
tiful meaning of Thanksgiving time. We are  
happy that we can worship and give thanks  
to God with all of you at First Baptist  
Church.

## THE First Place For Singles

COLLEGE / SINGLE ADULT  
THANKSGIVING PRAISE

Thursday, November 24 — 7:00 P.M.

Congratulations to some of our Single  
Adults who have recently passed medical  
board exams, earned "wings" and been  
awarded certificates in data processing. Keep  
up the good work and give thanks to the  
Lord in everything.



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### CHURCH OFFICERS

Mr. Joe Napier, Chairman of Deacons.....434-7828  
Dr. Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director.....432-4697  
Mr. Frank Rabold, Church Training Director 478-7939  
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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

NOVEMBER 7-13, 1983

TOTAL BIBLE STUDY.....1,760  
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....1,356  
Married Adults ..... 663  
Single Adults ..... 167  
Youth ..... 166  
Children ..... 204  
Preschool ..... 156  
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES..... 404  
CHURCH TRAINING ..... 109  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM..... 596  
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP..... 6



### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Baked Meat Loaf  
Tomato or Brown Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tossed Salad  
Roll and Butter  
Dessert  
Tea and Coffee  
Milk — 25¢

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- \* 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
- Sunday School Council
- Middle School Handbells
- \* 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour
- High School Choir
- Instrumental Ensemble
- 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, NOVEMBER 21

- \* 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
- 6:00 P.M.—Deacon Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M.—“Needle” Workshop — CAC
- Adult Ensemble
- 7:30 P.M.—College / Single Adult Bible Study

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00 A.M.—Beginner Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 1:00 P.M.—Voice Class
- \* 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens
- Graded Choirs
- Middle School Choir
- \* 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 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
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts
- CAC Opens (Closes at 9:00)
- 7:30 P.M.—Baptist Young Women

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 9:00 A.M.—Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise

### THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AND 25

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Office and CAC Closed

\* Nursery Provided

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 13, 1983

### BY LETTER:

27. Lt. Jeb S. Kelly,  
4145 Aqua Vista Dr. (04) — 478-8969  
From: Weldon Baptist, Weldon, N.C.
28. Mrs. Jeb Kelly (Kathryn),  
4145 Aqua Vista Dr. (04)
29. Ruby Sistrunk, 9975 S. University  
Pkwy., #70 (04) — 477-9059  
From: Second Baptist, Houston, Tx.
30. Mona Barfield,  
1120 E. Brainard St. (03) — 438-4739  
From: First Southern Baptist,  
Pearl Harbor
31. Wallis W. Grissett,  
3617 Dunwoody Dr. (03) — 438-9382  
From: First Baptist, Franklinton, La.
32. Ford Grissett,  
3617 Dunwoody Dr. (03) — 438-9382  
From: First Baptist, Franklinton, La.

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND .....\$ 136.00  
JAPAN MISSION TRIP  
Given toward Church's  
Goal of \$75,470..... 47,952.05

## SERMON TOPICS

November 20, 1983  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
“THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GIVING”  
(Luke 21:1-4)  
6:15 P.M.  
“THE RISE AND FALL  
OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE”  
(Revelation 8-11)

## BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

November 13, 1983  
Receipts .....\$ 18,343.47  
Weekly Budget Needs.... 25,840.00  
Budget Receipts  
Year To Date..... 1,052,967.12  
Budget Needs  
Year To Date..... 1,188,640.00