



# The First Baptist Builder

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## Brian's Lines

Sunday's services were just outstanding. A special word of thanks goes to the Adult Choir for leading in our Flag ceremony on



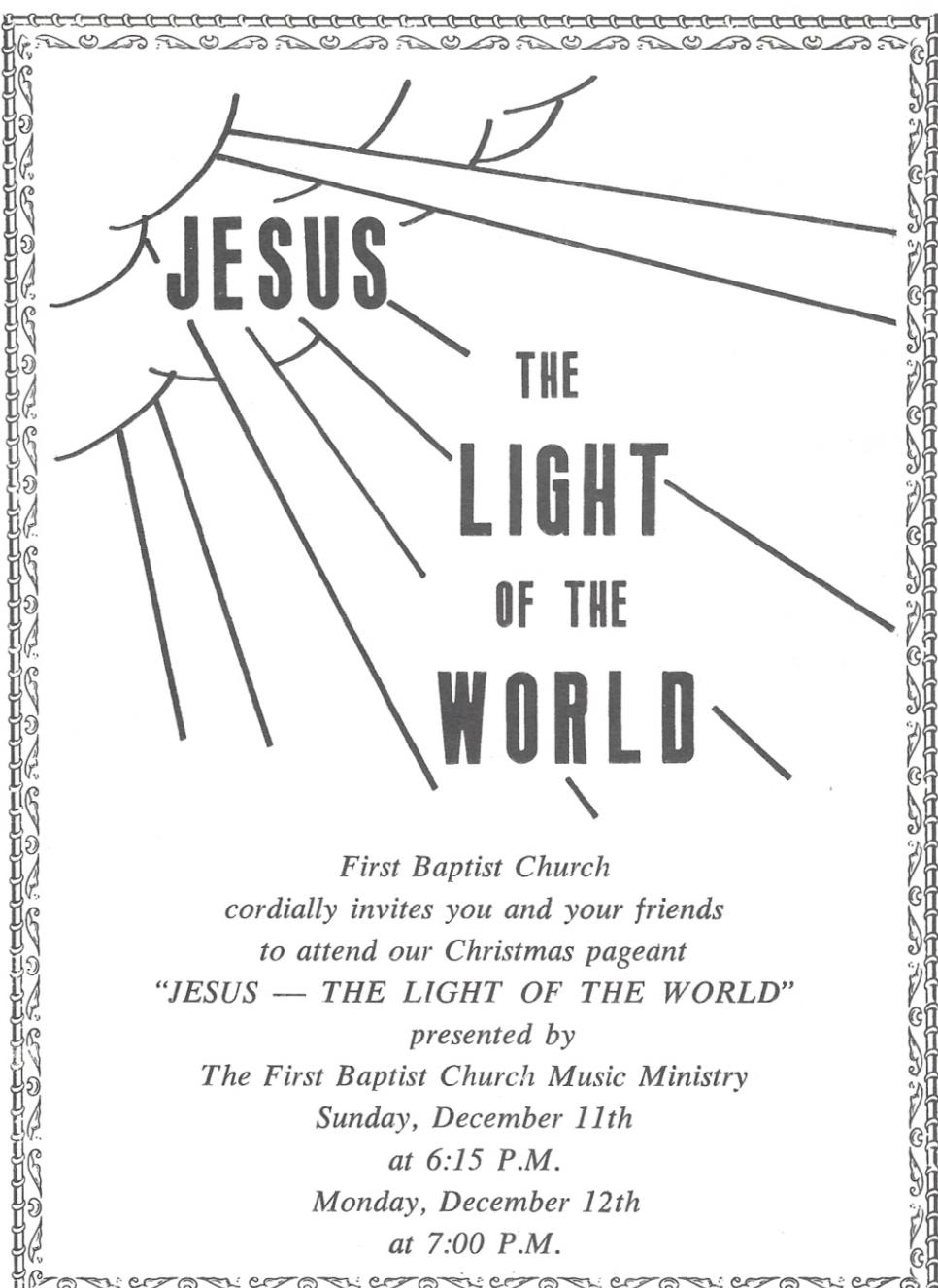
Sunday morning. The view of the flags of the nations at the end of the service helped us focus on the needs of the world. Ed Holt, head of our ushers, told me that we had one of our largest crowds of the Fall. I'm glad you were here.

THE PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT . . . was also a real blessing. The children sang well. The choir leadership has done an excellent job with our children this Fall. Thanks to Flo Minchew and all of the graded choir program workers for an outstanding program.

LOTTIE MOON . . . gave her life for the sake of missions. Therefore, it is so appropriate that her name is attached to the Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. Our goal this year is \$68,800. You can help us reach it if you will give generously and sacrificially. For each \$900 that you give to the Lottie Moon offering, one of the flags of the nations will be placed in the Sanctuary. When the total amount is given, there will be 75 flags in the Sanctuary plus the Christian flag. Let's show our colors this year!

IT WAS A THRILL . . . to me to mention Sunday morning all of our church members who have been involved in short term mission projects during 1983: Joan Peterson, Jane Varner, Frank Trotter, Jan and me, over 100 members of our Adult Choir, Mary Royals, Bob and Jean Askew, Bill Santo (and I hope I didn't leave out anyone else). We're praying for more of such involvement during 1984. Would you be interested in being involved in a partnership evangelism venture to another country next Fall? Would you be interested in spending a couple of weeks in some short term mission interest? If so, let me know.

BUDGET PLEDGING FOR 1984 . . . The final figures Charlotte Martin gave me this week look very good. As of December 2 our church members had pledged \$1,137,510, which is 83% of the 1984 budget. In addition to that, Charlotte checked the records to see how much was given in 1983 by those who did not pledge. This is expected income for 1984 over and above the amount pledged. This figure came to \$260,054. So when these two figures are added together,



the amount actually pledged for 1984 and the other amount that we can expect for 1984, the total figure is about \$1,399,000! That exceeds our 1984 budget, which is \$1,377,000. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so. It will be good for you and good for the church. But I wanted you to know that because of the generous spirit of our First Baptist family we can already claim victory for 1984.

THIS SUNDAY MORNING . . . I will continue my series on Revelation. I have been preaching the other sermons in this series on Sunday night. But I want to try to finish it by the end of the year, so I will be preaching the next sermon in the series this Sunday morning. On Sunday night, our Sanctuary Choir will present their annual Christmas program. I'll see you here for another exciting day.

## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:15 P.M. — First Performance of Sanctuary Choir Christmas Pageant,  
"Jesus — the Light of the World."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 P.M. — Second Performance of Sanctuary Choir Christmas Pageant,  
"Jesus — the Light of the World."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 A.M. — Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:30 P.M. — Children 5 Department — "The Christmas Story"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. — Children 5 Department — "The Christmas Story"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:15 P.M. — Middle School Choir Musical Drama, "A Celebration of Joy"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:15 P.M. — Christmas Buffet

6:15 P.M. — White Christmas Service  
College / Single Adult Choir Presentation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 P.M. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 A.M. — Sunday School

11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship  
(No Evening Services)

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. Eula Burge, Mrs. Alma Parda

#### Specialty Care

Mrs. Mary Charles Renfroe

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. Jess Stubblefield, Mrs. Irene Lang,  
Mrs. Dannie McDavid, Mr. James Jackson

#### West Florida

Mrs. H. L. Highsmith, Mrs. Coral  
Halladay

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Anna Rue Camp

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Glenis Pullen in the death of her  
son.

Mr. Jim Pullen in the death of his  
brother.

Mrs. Annie Lee Yonker and Mrs. Rosa  
Mae Saunders in the death of their  
sister.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Graves who was inducted into the  
Junior Honor Society at Woodham  
High School.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School —

DECEMBER 19, 6:30 - 11:30 P.M. —  
"MINI LOCK-IN"

Celebrate being out of school! Don't  
miss it. Fun, Fellowship, Film, Food —  
A great time for all. Christmas Caroling  
and many other exciting and surprising  
activities. Be sure to bring a friend  
and come.

### High School —

DECEMBER 28, 6:30 - 11:30 P.M. —  
"MINI LOCK-IN"

Don't miss this exciting event! We'll  
have a great time of Bible Study,  
hilarious games, terrific fellowship, a  
super film, fantastic food and some  
exciting surprise activities. Bring a  
friend and join us.

## 1983 CONTRIBUTIONS

Since many church members traditionally  
make contributions near the end of the  
year, this reminder is in order:

The last day of 1983 will fall on a Saturday  
day and the church office will be closed.  
Another minor complication is the fact that  
the last Sunday of 1983 is actually Christ-  
mas Day and perhaps many members will  
not be in town that weekend.

In order for contributions to be credited  
to an individual in 1983, the contribution  
must be in the office by Saturday, De-  
cember 31.

All of this simply means that members  
must make a special effort to bring or mail  
their year-end contributions so that they  
reach the church by December 31.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Mike Simoneaux*

Last week Channel 3 did a video taping in Seville Square of the Leisure Timers Choir and the Adult Ensemble. Eddie and Jackie Benton's son, Luke, took part, in addition to Jack and Pat Overman's son, Tommy. This Christmas special will be aired on December 24th at 5:00 P.M., and again on December 25th at 1:30 P.M.

The Christmas Walk at Seville seems to become more popular each year. Last Sunday the Sanctuary Choir sang for the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Square. The crowd which gathered around as we sang carols began to sing along and as the tree was lighted while the choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" the feeling of oneness made our hearts thankful that our church was able to be a part of this community event.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 A.M.

## HOLIDAY DEPRESSION!

Dr. Ron Guy will be leading the Adult Church Training in a special presentation on dealing with holiday depression. Sessions will be Sunday, December 11 and 18, at 5:00 P.M.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP  
DECEMBER 4, 1983



AMY G. LEE

BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY)  
GROUP MEETINGS  
Tuesday, December 13

10:00 A.M.—SHERRA ARMSTRONG  
with Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel  
2615 Tambridge Circle  
co/host. Mrs. Douglas Andrews  
—VIRGINIA COBB  
with Mrs. T. B. Shell  
1216 East Avery Street  
—STANLEY DAVIS  
with Mrs. J. R. Early  
4280 April Drive  
—LINDA LEECH  
with Miss Mary Ethel Harrison  
5634 East Bay Drive, G.B.  
—DOROTHY MADDOX  
with Mrs. Norman Haines, Jr.  
1146 Ellyson Drive  
—CHARLOTTE OWENS  
with Mrs. Paul Gray  
511 Yesterroaks Circle, G.B.  
—BETTIE TOMLINSON  
with Mrs. Lon Roberts  
104 West Jackson Street  
co/host. Mrs. Frank Gibbs &  
Mrs. Emory Rogers

11:00 A.M.—ALTA ALLISON  
with Mrs. Glen Brantley  
4139 Lyrie Lane  
Covered Dish Luncheon

2:00 P.M.—ROSIE BEDSOLE  
with Mrs. Bennie Swain  
1121 Barcia Drive

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BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

7:00 P.M.—PRAYER  
with Sarah Andress  
3007 Blackshear

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday  
was placed there in honor of  
MISS JESSICA LEE KELLY  
daughter of  
Lt. and Mrs. Jeb Kelly  
born November 27, 1983

THE  
First Place  
For Singles

Single Adult I

After church fellowship on December 11  
at the home of Rick Hardcastle and Randy  
Maxwell, 6268 Kirsten.

E. DIXIE BEGGS ELECTED  
DEACON EMERITUS

Distinct Honor for a Distinguished Gentleman

"Deacon Emeritus" is a position of honor for which a person becomes eligible when he has served at least four times as an elected deacon and reached the age of seventy.

The church policy for election of Deacons Emeritus states: "The position of Deacon Emeritus is intended to be an honorary position recognizing exceptional, exemplary, consecrated, consistent, dedicated, devout and effective service as a Christian, a church member and a deacon."

E. Dixie Beggs joined First Baptist Church of Pensacola on February 11, 1917, and was ordained a deacon on January 8, 1939. He is the son of Judge E. D. and Lilly Clubbs Beggs.

Mr. Beggs has taught the Master Workmen Bible Class since 1937, and has been President of our church corporation since 1976.

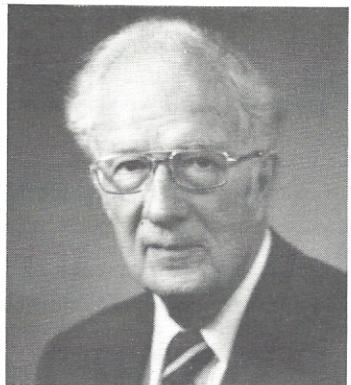
Mr. Beggs earned two degrees at University of Florida where he was President of the Student Body and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and ODK.

During his many years of active law practice, Mr. Beggs made a strong mark in many areas of service in his profession. He was President of the Florida Bar Association (1947-48) and also fulfilled many committee responsibilities with that organization and the American Bar Association — too numerous to list.

The service of Mr. Beggs also included serving as President of the Florida Baptist Foundation, Baptist Hospital of Pensacola and Pensacola Rotary Club.

He is respected by many because of his interest in community affairs, having served as:

Board Member and Vice President of Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
Director of Crippled Children's Home of Florida  
Director and Chairman of YMCA Board of Trustees  
President of Pensacola Council of Navy League  
Director in earlier years of Community Chest, local Salvation Army Post,  
Boy Scout Council, Girl Scout Council, the Red Cross



E. DIXIE BEGGS



"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

Children 5 Department will present "The Christmas Story" in the Choir Room on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The boys and girls have worked very hard preparing the play and are looking forward to presenting it for you.

Everyone is invited to attend.

IN APPRECIATION

"I would like to thank the church family and staff for their visits, flowers, calls, cards, prayers and other acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital."

ALMA HENDRICKS

"The big event of the year for our church was the 100-voice choir from Pensacola, Florida. Even though our languages are different, it was a blessing to be able to sing the same songs."

God bless you,  
TAKAO ITO, Pastor  
Hiroshima Baptist Church

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS  
FOR DECEMBER 11, 1983

BED BABIES . . . .	Sandra Condray
CREEPERS . . . .	Laurie Labrato
TODDLERS . . . .	Linnea Daniel
2's . . . .	Shirley Berry
	Julie Holley
3's . . . .	Elizabeth Campbell
4's . . . .	Ann Brown

RECREATION  
News

All men and boys interested in playing basketball, please sign-up in the CAC.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The two arrangements in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of:  
Mrs. Christine Hart McDonald  
given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson  
and Kandy.  
Mr. Bert Berrisford  
given by his wife and grandson,  
Tommy Berrisford, Jr.

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

### 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  
Mrs. Jenna Young, W.M.U. Director.....433-8498  
Mrs. Earl Gentry, Director of Library Services 478-1367

### BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 4, 1983

Receipts .....	\$ 36,947.11
Weekly Budget Needs....	25,840.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date.....	1,134,125.61
Budget Needs	
Year To Date.....	1,266,160.00

### DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND .....	\$130.00
SPECIALS .....	696.85

## LAST WEEK

### NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4, 1983

TOTAL BIBLE STUDY.....	1,811
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	1,409
Married Adults .....	708
Single Adults .....	166
Youth .....	175
Children .....	210
Preschool .....	150
WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES.....	402
CHURCH TRAINING .....	-
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM....	643
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP.....	1



### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Fried Chicken  
Buttered Lima Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Roll and Butter  
Dessert  
Tea and Coffee  
Milk - 25¢

### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- \* 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
- \* 5:00 P.M.—Church Training Hour  
    Instrumental Ensemble  
    Children's Bible Drill  
    Adult Handbells
- 5:15 P.M.—M.S. Church Training
- \* 6:15 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir Music Program

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- \* 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.—Sanctuary Choir Music Program
- 7:30 P.M.—College / Single Adult Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- Baptist Women Group Meetings —  
    Listed elsewhere in the BUILDER
- 9:00 A.M.—Beginner Aerobics
- 10:15 A.M.—Ladies' Skating
- 5:30 P.M.—Ladies' Beginner Aerobics
- 6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class
- 7:00 P.M.—College / Single Adult Visitation

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 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 Actees  
    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 Actees  
    Royal Ambassadors  
    G.A.'s  
    Japanese Class
- 6:30 P.M.—Children's Christmas Play
- 7:00 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class  
    Building Planning Com.
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts  
    CAC Opens (Closes at 9:00)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 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.—Children's Christmas Play

### COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 4, 1983

#### BY LETTER:

39. Amy G. Lee,  
12459-D Air Blanc Cr. (06)—492-3127  
From: South Main Street Baptist,  
Greenwood, SC

### SEMINARY EXTENSION OFFERS OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

The winter term of the Seminary Extension Center will offer Old Testament Survey, Part 1. The course will be taught on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30, from January 3 through March 27. This college-level course will be taught by Dr. James Hackney. Total cost for registration and books is \$49.90. Sessions will be held at the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association office, 260 West Jordan Street. For information, call the Association office at 434-0243.



Help the boys raise the flags for foreign missions! Pledge your support of a R.A. boy who will ride in the Associational R.A. Bikathon for Foreign Missions on December 17, 9:00 - 12:00 A.M., Elyson Field.

### MISSION GIFTS

#### LOTTIE MOON

GOAL .....	\$68,800.00
GIVEN TO DATE.....	\$ 3,077.25

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- \* 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out  
    Ladies' Intermediate Aerobics
- 12:00 Noon—Men's Exercise
- 7:00 P.M.—YA1 and 2 Fellowship

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 10:00 A.M.—M.S. Choir
- 5:30 P.M.—Bykota Class Dinner
- \* Nursery Provided