



# The First Baptist Builder

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North Palafox at Jackson Street

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

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## **Dr. Harbour Resigns To Accept Arkansas Pastorate To Conclude His Pensacola Ministry on Sunday, October 27**

### **PASTOR'S STATEMENT:**

For several months Jan and I have been dealing with the pastor search committee from the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am aware that the word has been out about this in recent days. However, after you knew that it was a possibility, there was nothing else that could be said until now.

We have sensed God's leadership in this from the very beginning. Our response all the way through the process has been a desire to know what God would have us do. At each step along the way, the doors have been opened. At each point, we have received confirmation from God that we were moving in the right direction.

After several trips and extended discussion and much serious prayer, we felt led to respond to their invitation by visiting their church in view of a call. This past weekend, our entire family visited the Immanuel Baptist family. I preached for them and they have responded with an invitation to be their pastor. Because we feel very strongly that this is the direction God would have us go, we have accepted their invitation.

No decision is ever easy. Because of all of the ramifications of this decision, for our children, because of our long tenure here, because of our deep love for you as our people, this has been the most difficult decision we have ever had to make.

There is unparalleled excitement as we anticipate facing this new challenge that God has given to us. There is incomparable pain as we consider the thought of leaving all of you.

I have two commitments that I must keep in October, a revival at First Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama, on October 13 - 16 and an assignment speaking to the Florida State Singles Retreat at Lake Yale on October 18 - 20. My final Sunday in the pulpit at First Baptist Church will be October 27. We did not get to take our vacation during 1985 so I will tack those two weeks on making the termi-

nation time for my ministry with you in mid-November. But my final service will be October 27.

I have much more to say to many of you individually, and I hope to have the opportunity to do that sometime during these last three weeks. I will share some further thoughts with the church on October 27.

I do not ask you to understand the decision. I only ask you to give me the freedom to do what I feel God is leading me to do. And I ask that you continue to love me as your friend as you have done so graciously during these last seven years.

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## **CAMBODIAN REVIVAL SCHEDULE**

### **FRIDAY:**

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. - SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING FOR REVIVAL

### **SATURDAY:**

5:00 - 5:30 P.M. - ARRIVAL

5:30 - 6:15 P.M. - AMERICAN FOOD

\* 6:15 - 7:15 P.M. - MEN AND WOMEN'S SEMINARS

\* 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. - SPECIAL MUSIC (Cambodian choir from Jacksonville)  
GUEST SPEAKER (Pastor Thang Chi from Jacksonville)

\* 8:15 - 9:00 P.M. - FILM

9:00 - 9:30 P.M. - CAMBODIAN SNACKS

9:30 - 10:00 P.M. - DEPARTURE

### **SUNDAY:**

9:00 - 9:30 A.M. - ARRIVAL

\* 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. - PRAYER TIME

\* 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pastor Thang Chi teaching)

\* 11:00 - 12:00 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE (Pastor Thang Chi preaching)  
(Ending with Special Baptismal Service)

\* Special Children's Classes Provided

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## PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUMMER 1985

The following persons are to be congratulated for having perfect attendance during the summer months of our Sunday School attendance campaign, "BAT 1.000!"

### GENERAL OFFICERS

John Coker  
Letcher Lamkin  
James Rountree  
Hiram Smith  
F. E. Woolf  
Kitty Wiggins

Hilma Woolf  
Lois Williams  
Judd Gatlin  
Lewis Steele  
T. J. Burdett  
Ben McLeod

### MEDIAN ADULT 3

Norma McRoberts  
Mary Moulyet  
Betty Sellers  
Mary Sutton

### MEDIAN ADULT 2A

Lil Burns  
Glenna Lampley  
Mary Powell  
Charlotte Rasmussen  
John Erwin  
Jerry Erwin

### MEDIAN ADULT 2

George Forsberg  
Charlene Forsberg

### MEDIAN ADULT 1

Andrew Jutila  
Kathy Jutila

### YOUNG ADULT 2

Russell Robertson  
Robert Gowing  
Carol Jenkins  
Eric Thorn  
Vickie Thorn

### YOUNG ADULT 1

Charles Griffin  
Ed Carson

### SANCTUARY BIBLE CLASS

Mike McCracken

### PAUL CARO MEMORIAL CL.

John Holder

### SILENT CLASS

Betty Register

### SINGLE ADULT 3

Melissa Chism  
Gloria Coleman  
Marilyn Badessa  
Barbara Edwards

### COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

Deborah Griffin  
Eric Burns

### SPANISH BIBLE CLASS

Bruce Brock

### YOUTH 13

Heida Hurst  
T. A. Shell  
Gina Forsberg  
Carol Ann Cordray

### YOUTH 9

Rick Gill  
Kirsten Stevens  
Teresa Stevens  
Lisa Norris  
Will Brooks  
Lisa Wilson  
Leah Callaway  
Tracie Lester  
Erik Forsberg  
Bill Thompson  
Beth Hickman

Ray Taylor  
Margaret Edmisten  
Carole Thompson  
Lane Booker  
Jay Harbour

### YOUTH 6

Joe Brookins  
Wendi Grissett

### CHILDREN 5

Sylvia Wilhite  
Jack Archer  
Kara Chism

### CHILDREN 4B

Jennifer Miller

### CHILDREN 4A

John Taylor

### CHILDREN 3B

Dale Taylor  
Justin Labrato  
Blake Masters  
Britt Young

### CHILDREN 3A

Leone Butts

### CHILDREN 2A

Sally Steele  
Blake Chism

### CHILDREN 1A

Britton Gowing

### PRESCHOOL 4B

Vann Santoro  
Ann Brown

### PRESCHOOL 4A

Jackie Counselman

### PRESCHOOL 3B

Tiffany Williams  
Myrtle Stevens

### PRESCHOOL 2B

Gladys Fendt

### PRESCHOOL T3

David Thorn

### PRESCHOOL T2

Edna Jernigan

### PRESCHOOL C1

Chad Reed

### TELEPHONE BIBLE CLASS

Susie Cunningham  
Bernice Gillespie  
Coral Halladay

\*\*\* While we made a great effort to learn the names of all who did have perfect attendance, we acknowledge there are surely others who also made this fine accomplishment. Please call the Education Office and give us your name so that you may also be recognized.

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## SALTSHAKER

*featuring Rebecca Pippert*

*Film Series continues*

**Sunday Evenings at 5:00 in the Dining Room**

**Film Two - October 13 - "Taking A New Look At Jesus"**

*Good News America: God Loves You* is a nationwide evangelistic effort that has as its goal the winning of 600,000 Americans to Jesus Christ. The first action to reach this goal is the Good News America Scripture Distribution on October 27. Our church, along with other churches in the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association, will be presenting New Testaments to the people of Pensacola.

We need many persons to deliver New Testaments to homes in northeast Pensacola on Sunday afternoon, October 27. Please volunteer to help by signing up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office.



GOOD NEWS AMERICA,  
GOD LOVES YOU.

### ATTENTION: MISSION FRIENDS

Come to a Harvest Party. There will be games, refreshments, lots of fun! Wednesday, October 16; 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. Come to the Cellar after supper. Any questions: Call Renee Napier, 932-8464.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Mike Simoneaux*

**HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR** — Thank you for a great rehearsal and especially Sunday night. Attendance has been the best ever this year so let's keep up the good work. We have started Christmas music, our musical, "*Jesus Never Fails*," plus our regular Sunday work, so you are needed in your place each Sunday and for special rehearsals.

**SPECIAL REHEARSAL AND HAYRIDE** — Saturday, October 19th, is a special day for our high schoolers. We will have a rehearsal beginning at 2:30 Saturday afternoon until 4:00 when we will leave for our hayride in the countryside of Alabama. This party will be free, sponsored by your friendly neighborhood Minister of Music. Come and bring a friend. A special word of thanks to the Callaways, Olivia Swaine, Patty Taylor, Mike McCracken, and Bonnie for their great help with our high school choir.

**HANDBELLS** — *Middle School Handbells* have organized and are meeting at 4:00 on Wednesdays. Come this week as we still need ringers. *High School Handbells* meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 and there is still room for you in that group. Mr. Bob Parrish directs these groups.

**LEISURE TIMERS CHORUS** now meets on Wednesdays at 4:00. This is a great time as you can come and sing, easily find a parking place and after rehearsal, get first in line for supper. Come and join this interesting, fun and inspirational group. Mike Masters directs and Charles Reed is the accompanist.

## Fresh Wind for Stewardship Sails

By CRATE JONES

*Crate Jones is pastor of Angier Avenue Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina*

Gattis Perry had a student pastorate while at Wake Forest College. Enroute to the church one Sunday morning, his wife asked him what was he going to preach. Tithing was his subject.

The young preacher had his message planned: "Abraham commenced it, Jacob continued it, Moses codified it, Nehemiah restored it, Malachi commanded it, Jesus taught it, Paul explained it, and the church needs it." I suppose he was ready to "let 'em have it."

Wives have a way of letting the wind out of husbands' sails. Carl Joy did it with one fell swoop. After a time of deafening silence, she said, "When are you going to start?" Now how in the world could a non-tithing preacher preach on tithing with a thought like that banging around in his head!

A decision was in the making at about 9:30 A.M. on a highway that would lead to higher ground.

"How much money do you have?" she asked. "Two cents," he answered. "How much do you have?" he continued. "Ten dollars," she revealed. That was a tithe of what both had earned the week before. So in their hearts they gave the ten to God and then later gave it to him through the church. I have a notion Gattis preached that morning without feeling like a hypocrite.

On the way home, Carl Joy wanted a

coke. Telling her God was all out of cokes, Gattis went into a drug store, laid his two pennies on the counter and asked for two cups of water. The kind-hearted clerk gave him the water and returned the two lowly pennies. (What does the Bible say about a cup of cold water?)

The near-broke reverend had two cents, enough gas to get back to school, and no grocery money until the next pay day.

One more stop was made to visit a church family. As they were going back down the driveway, the man ran out, waved his arms and called them back. He said, "Preacher, about 9:30 this morning, the Lord laid it on my heart to give you this." And he stuck a twenty dollar bill in Gattis' shirt pocket.

Telling the story about thirty years later, the grateful preacher said two things worthy of note. First, "We have never stopped tithing from that day." And second, "I'm not saying that every time you give God five dollars he will give you ten. But if he doesn't, he will give you something better."

Obedience to God assures his care for us. Like the widow of Zarephath, when she gave her last bit of food to Elijah, God's promise was kept. The record says, "And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord" (1 Kings 17:16).

The Lord is still in the "meal and oil" business to those who obediently trust him. And he has no plans for bankruptcy.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

#### Baptist

David Sjoberg, Jennifer Farris, Lorenzo Radant, Herbert Johnson

#### Sacred Heart

Marvin Eason

#### West Florida

Joe Parker

#### Specialty Care

Mary Charles Renfro, Walter Doggrell

#### Haven - Infirmary

Mrs. Laura Stoesen

#### Rehabilitation

Mrs. Mary Raley

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Pat Overman, Jim Drexler, Ed Green, Charles Bryant, A. J. Wilson, Mrs. Billie Jackson

### SYMPATHIES TO:

Mrs. Mame Stephens on the death of a sister in Illinois.

Mrs. Margarette Berrisford on the death of an aunt in Illinois.

Word has been received that Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., is in the Rex Hospital, 4420 Lake Boon Tr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. He has been semi-conscious for three weeks. The family will appreciate your prayers on his behalf. Dr. Brooks was pastor here 1954-1958.

### NOTE OF THANKS:

From Howard Culledge, Jr. and family to all who expressed sympathy after the death of Howard's father, Mr. Howard Culledge, Sr.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**HOSPICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA** will be conducting a fall volunteer training program on Tuesday, October 15th, Saturday, October 19th and 26th. This 2½-day orientation training is designed to acquaint the new volunteer with important aspects in assisting the terminally-ill patient and family members. Areas to be covered will include such topics as the Hospice concept of care, the role of the volunteer, psycho-social aspects of the dying process, communication and stress management skills. There is no fee. Pre-registration is required. For more information on being a Hospice volunteer or to register for the training — please contact the Hospice office at 433-2155.

### DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND .....	\$ 634.50
SPECIALS .....	2,132.75

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in commemoration of Miss Bessie Yates, who has been a member of First Baptist Church since October 20, 1920.



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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Mr. Bill Morrison, Chairman of Deacons.....476-0345  
Dr. Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director.....432-4697  
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### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Dr. Brian L. Harbour, Pastor.....434-3308  
Rev. Bill Santo, Assistant to Pastor.....478-4422  
Dr. Mike Simoneaux, Minister of Music.....438-6496  
Dr. David Chism, Minister of Education.....432-4372  
Mrs. Dorothy Walker,  
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Rev. Eddie Benton, Minister of Youth.....478-8289  
Rev. Charles Reed,  
Minister of Singles/Evangelism.....479-1233  
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Jill Findley, Music Secretary  
Bee Coy, Membership Secretary  
Lorraine Pulley, Dietician  
Josephine Williams, Receptionist  
Dr. Lynne Lauderdale-Hinds, Organist  
Patty Taylor, Pianist

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should be in the office, in writing, not  
later than 10:00 a.m. Mondays.

## Last Week

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6, 1985

SUNDAY SCHOOL .....1,459  
Married Adults ..... 715  
Single Adults ..... 139  
Youth ..... 191  
Children ..... 237  
Preschool ..... 177

CHURCH TRAINING ..... 152  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.... 678

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Please come to  
DINNER

Pork Chop  
Mashed Potatoes  
and Gravy  
Buttered Peas and Carrots  
Roll and Butter  
Dessert  
Tea or Coffee  
Milk — 25¢

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

\* 8:15 A.M.—Morning Worship  
8:30 - 11:00 A.M.—Library Open  
9:00 A.M.—Telephone Class  
\* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
\* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study  
4:00 P.M.—Prayer Meeting  
High School Handbells  
Committee on Committees  
4:30 - 6:15 P.M.—Library Open  
5:00 P.M.—High School Choir  
Middle School JOY  
Adult Handbell  
“Out of the Saltshaker”  
film series

\* 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

\* 9:00 A.M.—“Needle” Workshop  
Ladies’ Aerobics  
\* 9:15 A.M.—Blessercise  
10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men’s Exercise  
6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class  
7:00 P.M.—Adult Ensemble  
“Needle” Workshop

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

\* 9:00 A.M.—Baptist Young Women  
9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open  
10:00 A.M.—Leisure Timers  
\* 7:00 P.M.—Baptist Young Women  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

\* 9:00 A.M.—Ladies’ Aerobics  
\* 9:15 A.M.—Blessercise  
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men’s Exercise  
4:00 P.M.—Middle School Handbells  
Leisure Timers Choir  
4:30 - 7:15 P.M.—Library Open  
\* 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens  
Middle School Choir  
Graded Choir  
\* 5:15 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
Missions Committee  
Men’s Ministry Group  
6:00 P.M.—Chapel Singers  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults  
S.S. Weekly Workers  
High School JOY  
S.A.L.T. TALKS  
Mission Friends’ “Harvest  
Party”  
Middle School Acteens  
R.A.’s  
G.A.’s

\* 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir  
Orchestra Rehearsal  
7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts  
H.S. Discipleship Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open  
9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults  
9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.—  
“Women Together for Christ”

12:00 Noon—Businessmen’s Luncheon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

\* 9:00 A.M.—Mother’s Day Out

## FBC PRAYER MINISTRY

“Give us this day our daily bread.”  
(Matthew 6:20)

The idea of dependence has acquired a bad press in our present society. Independence in every area of life is highly touted, even to the exclusion of reliance upon God for our daily needs. Jesus, however, taught us in The Lord’s Prayer to have an attitude of dependence upon our Heavenly Father. Christ knew how God had so beautifully taught the Jews the need for this wholesome dependence as the Father led them out of Egypt and through the wilderness with a cautionary word to gather only manna for each day. The Jews were taught to plan ahead for the Sabbath by gathering two days’ worth the day before. With God as our Provider, we need not fear the future. Let’s give it to Him today.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 19 — 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Cost: \$1.00

Almost Anything Goes, Potato Fellowship — Supper will be served. Don’t miss this great time of Fun, Food, Fellowship and Fantastic Crazy Games in the Gym!

## LEISURE TIMERS PARTY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1985

10:00 A.M.

Come join us for a  
PHUN PHROLIC  
PHollowed by a  
PHOOD PHEAST

## BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

October 6, 1985

Receipts .....	\$ 38,065.70
Weekly Budget Needs....	29,622.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date.....	1,103,723.80
Budget Needs	
Year To Date.....	1,184,880.00

## SERMON TOPICS

October 13, 1985

8:15 and 11:00 A.M.

EDDIE BENTON PREACHING

6:15 P.M.

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Ladies’ Aerobics

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men’s Exercise

\* Nursery Provided