



The First Baptist Builder

Cecil W. Seagle, Pastor

North Palafox at Jackson Street

IN OUR 140TH YEAR OF WORSHIP

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The Seagle Say:

THREE SUNDAYS . . .



are all that remain in 1986. Doesn't seem possible, does it? We have an enormous assignment before us. The major task is that of financial needs:

- a \$123,462.00 deficit;
- an \$86,000 Lottie Moon offering goal.

BOTH NEEDS . . .

can be successfully met if we do two simple, yet essential things:

1. Prayerfully and sacrificially give to the Foreign Missions offering. I am absolutely confident of our ability and commitment to go over the \$86,000 goal;
2. Consistently give to the regular budget needs. Some will catch up your financial commitment, others of you will add additional money to see us reach the goal.

FINANCIAL . . .

Solidarity is an essential, vital element for us. A healthy, dynamic, growing church should not have financial problems. When it does, there are usually some genuine spiritual problems involved. Let's face the need, join together in meeting those needs and decide today not to get behind during the '87 year.

Ministry, missions and programs rise or fall on our level of commitment. Knowing you, I'm confident of where that level is. Let's eliminate the need for additional appeal.

1400 in Sunday School — join us as we move toward our goal.

CATCH THE VISION!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

VICTORY DAY - DECEMBER 14

On Sunday morning let's come together in a spirit of love and concern for the lost. Bring your offering and we will make Christ known around the world.

God has commanded us in the Great Commission to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," and yet more than 3.5 billion people are lost. The average church member gives only 3% of all of his resources for Christ and yet Jesus said in Luke 12:48, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

If everyone on earth will hear the Gospel by the end of the century we must recommit our resources, prayer, time and energy. Are we willing to sacrifice our luxury so that a stranger may hear the Gospel?

Our church goal is \$86,000. Each flag posted at the end of the service will represent \$1,100. Let's bring them all in!

\$86,000 GOAL

Lottie Moon Offering . . .

We Must Make Christ Known



MINISTER OF EDUCATION

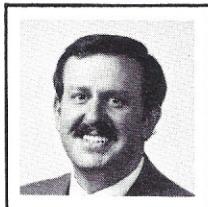
GARY D. GARLAND

When a person is absent from Sunday School they should be contacted. Their absence is a signal to us. Why were they absent? Is there a need? Without a contact their questions cannot be answered.

With 2800 enrolled and 1300 present you can see that 1500 contacts should be made every week. This work is impossible for a small number of people to accomplish. Yet it is so important that for it to not be done would be a tragedy. But How?

The answer is organization. We group our Sunday School members into small care groups. Group Leaders accept the task of caring for those in their group. No more than six people are assigned to a group so that each group leader has no more than three or four contacts to make each week.

God is interested in individuals. In the story Jesus told, when one sheep was absent from the flock the shepherd left the others and searched out the one that was missing. Let's follow the spirit of their example of love and concern and faithfully make contacts to those who are absent.



NO LADIES LUNCHEON THIS MONTH

There will not be a Ladies Luncheon the month of December. The next date for the luncheon is January 27, 1987.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the Hospital:

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

128 Mary Charls Rnfroe
209 Mr. Blondy Smith
211 Charlotte Rasmussen
MINU Karen Howse

WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL

327 Thurman Walker
222 Hyrum Smith

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

504 Jack Page

Christian Sympathy Is Extended:

To the family and friends in the death of Mrs. Susie Cunningham on December 2, 1986.

Congratulations:

To Jim Thompson, junior at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., who made the Dean's List this year for "Who's Who" in colleges and universities. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Carole) Thompson.

GOOD IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

First Baptist has produced first quality items for Christmas planning and they are available now in our *CHURCH LIBRARY*.

"CAROLS"

Traditional Christmas Carols sung by our Sanctuary Choir, available in records and cassette tapes, at \$5.00 each.

"THE BEST OF THE FIRST"

Fine southern recipes from the families and friends of FBC in a beautiful cookbook, at \$10.00 each.

On the Bay — On the Hill

The Story of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola, at \$15.00 each.



Sunday Night

December 14, 6:15 P.M.

A Gift for Him

presented by

Graded Choirs

First Baptist Church

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 7, 1986

By Letter:

29. Mr. Michael A. Bodree, Jr. 944-1759
3315 Pursell Lane
Pensacola, FL. 32506
From: FBC, Crestview, FL.
30. Mrs. Celestia A. Bodree
(Same as above)
31. Mr. Damon Wise 932-9581
108 Norwich Street
Gulf Breeze, FL. 32561
From: FBC, Gulf Breeze, FL.

Baptized:

Dr. and Mrs. Nhan Le
Mr. Walter Church

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The memorial flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 14, are in memory of William Lee, Sr., given by his wife and children; also, in memory of Mrs. Christine Hart McDonald, given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Kandy.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. SUSIE CUNNINGHAM
Joined our church July 16, 1916
Deceased December 2, 1986

THANK YOU

"How thankful I am for:

MARVIN BECK
LADON BOYD and Children
VIVIAN CLARY
WADE and DIANNE CURINGTON
ZETRA DALE
PERRY DOGGRELL
JIM DREXLER
STEVE EDWARDS
JILL FINDLEY
CHARLES GRIFFIN
ED GUERNSEY
BRIAN HILL
JOHNNY HOLLOWAY
ERIC MORGAN
ELOISE SHELL
WRAY NELL STEVENS
ROD WILLIAMSON and Children
RAY YOUNG and Children

for your good help in decorating to
the Glory of God our church building
for Christmas!"

RAY TAYLOR

F.B.C.
WHITE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday,
December 17
6:15 P.M.

White Christmas offers the
family of First Baptist Church
an opportunity to bring food
items, toys and other presents
suitable for various ages.

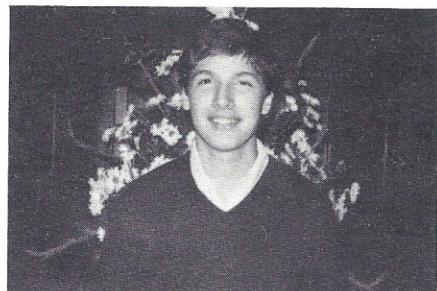
We have the names of 30
families to assist this year.
Your Sunday School Department
has a list of items each individual
is assigned to bring, wrapped in
white paper, with contents clearly
marked on the outside. On
Wednesday, December 17, at
6:15 P.M., these gifts will be
placed under the white Christmas
tree in the Sanctuary. The White
Christmas service follows the
Christmas buffet dinner, a special
time for families of First
Baptist Church Pensacola during
the Christmas season.

Don't miss this evening of
fellowship and worship.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — DECEMBER 7, 1986



MR. and MRS. MICHAEL BODREE (CELESTIA)
(Also pictured: Michael, Ben and Christopher)



MR. DAMON WISE

"First Family on Foreign Fields"

Let's Shower Them with Christmas Cards.

DR. and MRS. DAVID CHISM
KARA and BLAKE
Apartado 100
2350 San Francisco De Dos Rios
San Jose, Costa Rica
Phone: 011-506-598762



MR. and MRS. AL FORD
5 Nishisenouchi
Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku
Kyoto 606, Japan
Phone: 011-81-75-791-4784



MISS SHARON THOMPSON
20-21 Kami-Ikeda-Cho
Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku
Kyoto 606, Japan
Phone: 011-81-75-781-5777



MR. STEVE FINDLEY
77A King's Road
Singapore 1026
Phone: 011-65-469-7158



A Day of Commitment

- ★ 3 New Members
- ★ 95 First Family members committed to sharing Christ with Pensacola and our world.
- ★ \$86,000 Lottie Moon Goal: to make Him known.

DECEMBER 7 — A MARVELOUS LAUNCH DAY

DECEMBER 14 — VICTORY DAY

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OFFICE HOURS

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

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Dr. Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director 432-4697
Mrs. Brenda Kepner, W.M.U. Director 433-0956
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WANTED

WORKERS FOR EXTENDED SESSION

10:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.
ONE SUNDAY A MONTH
ON ALTERNATE MONTHS

Your Choice: Infant through 4 years old
Contact Dot Walker or Church Office
433-5631

SERMON TITLES

DECEMBER 14, 1986

10:30 A.M.

THE ULTIMATE DESIGN
(Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12)

6:15 P.M.

GRADED CHOIRS CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM

Last Week

DECEMBER 1 - 7, 1986

SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,342
Married Adults	748
Single Adults	117
Youth	180
Children	136
Preschool	140
International Children (Sunday Afternoon)	21
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM	654
MEN'S LUNCHEON	130
CHURCH TRAINING	132
Adults	26
Youth	76
Children and Preschool	30
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP	3

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Baked Turkey, Dressing, Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Sweet Potato Pattie
Roll and Butter
Red Velvet or Banana Cake
Tea and Coffee

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 14

8:30 - 10:30 A.M.—Library Open
8:45 A.M.—Telephone Class
° 9:00 A.M.—Sunday School
° 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study
4:00 P.M.—Prayer Meeting
High School Ensemble
Middle School Ensemble
4:30 - 6:15 P.M.—Library Open
5:00 P.M.—High School Choir
Middle School JOY
Church Training
Handbells
° 6:15 P.M.—Graded Choirs Christmas
Music

Monday, December 15

° 9:00 A.M.—“Needle” Workshop
10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.—Evening Aerobics
6:30 P.M.—Deacons Christmas Dinner —
Spouses invited
H.S. Discipleship Class
7:00 P.M.—“Needle” Workshop
Singles Adult 1 Bible Study

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open
9:00 A.M.—BYW
10:00 A.M.—Leisure Timers
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.—Evening Aerobics

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
4:30 P.M.—Graded Choir Parties
Middle School Choir
4:30 - 7:15 P.M.—Library Open
° 4:45 P.M.—High School Actees
° 5:15 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
Median Adult 1
Young Adult 3
Recreation Committee
Missions Committee
Men's Ministry Group
Education Ministry
5:30 P.M.—Finance Committee
° 6:00 P.M.—Chapel Singers
° 6:15 P.M.—“White Christmas” Service
° 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts
H.S. Discipleship Class

Thursday, December 18

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open
12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
Association Education Mtg.

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 7, 1986

Receipts	\$ 38,059.38
Weekly Budget Needs	30,769.00
Budget Receipts	
Year to Date	1,384,219.36
Budget Needs	
Year to Date	1,507,681.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND	\$ 273.50
SPECIALS	4,548.95

MISSION GIFTS

GOAL	\$86,000
GIVEN TO DATE	\$11,074

LEISURE TIMERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 A.M.

Debbie Mann will share the
“Songs of Christmas”

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.—Evening Aerobics

6:00 P.M.—Naomi Class Christmas Party
in Dining Room
Grade 5 Christmas Play
in Choir Room

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

° 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
6:00 P.M.—College / Career “Anything
Goes” at C.A.C.
6:30 P.M.—Young Adult II Christmas
Dinner — Dining Room

Saturday, December 20

10:00 A.M. - Noon—Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
° Nursery Open
°° Nursery by Reservation Only