



The First Baptist Builder

Cecil W. Seagle, Pastor
North Palafox at Jackson Street
IN OUR 140TH YEAR OF WORSHIP

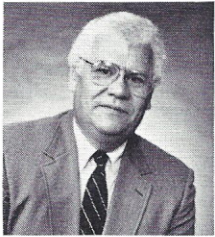
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The Seagle Say:

I LOVE CHRISTMAS . . .



There's a perpetual "little boy" loose in me! The season is wonderful:

- I love the sparkle in our children's eyes;
- the lights have an added glow;
- the gatherings are filled with laughter;
- our hearts are warmed and an exciting contagion envelopes us as we meet the physical needs of those around us;
- the delight of family is heavenly!

A PENSACOLA . . .

Christmas is the best one of all! Peggie, Mark and I have been involved in all kinds of gatherings. We are enjoying your warmth, hospitality and friendship. There's a contagious love abroad that lets us know we are the most blessed family in the land.

MY FAMILY . . .

will gather Christmas Day with our extended family in the Carolinas. We will:

- laugh and tease;
- exchange gifts and love;
- pass the newest - Daniel Martin Seagle - (you knew I would get that in) all around and decide all over again who he looks like!
- read again the beautiful Christmas story from Luke 2 and give thanks to our Lord God for His wonderful love!

THERE'S NO . . .

Scrooge in me! While not mercenary or pagan, we will enjoy the delight of gift exchange, the joy of "harassing" nieces and nephews, the heaven of family, and the hilarity of worship.

That's what I wish for you - the hilarity of Christ in a season that would never have been without Him!

See you 1400 strong Sunday in Sunday School.

A Blessed Christmas To All!

HALLELUJAH! VICTORY DAY VICTORY!

Lottie Moon Offering For Foreign Missions

1986 GOAL \$86,000

1986 OFFERING . . . \$86,200

The Doxology Seems Appropriate!

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow . . ."

TO HIM BE GLORY AND PRAISE

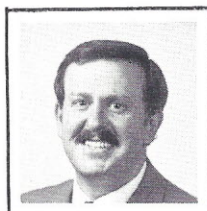
*Merry Christmas from the Staff
of First Baptist Church!*



L. to R. (Seated): Joyce Cerreto, Marilyn Bennett, Margaret Shick, Ruby Jean D'Agostino, Josephine Williams. (Standing): Bill Santo, Lee Hanberry, Shirley Wise, Gary Garland, Lorraine Pulley, Georgia Lambert, Dot Walker, Cecil Seagle, Charlotte Martin, Jill Findley, Eddie Benton.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

GARY D. GARLAND



Training is imperative if quality work is our objective. We can't expect leaders to perform at peak capacity unless they have been given proper training. None of us would expect someone to play the piano expertly until they had been given lessons. We must train our leaders and then expect powerful quality work.

An important job in our Sunday School is that of Group Leader. This leader determines the quality of the ministry and care given to our members. When crisis comes the group leader leads our ministry of christian love and concern. Paul says if we do not have love we are nothing. A church which does not have love and show love is likewise nothing. We are committed to have and exhibit the love God has placed in our hearts.

Training Group Leaders to better care for and minister to those in our Sunday School is a priority for us. We will use the Church Training Hour the first three weeks in January to begin this training. We will meet in the Dining Hall at 5:00 P.M. to study and plan and learn how to better function as a caring group leader.

PRINTS AVAILABLE

Many of you have shown an interest in and inquired about obtaining a reproduction of "Baptism in Pensacola Bay — 1847," the watercolor created especially for the dust jacket of *On the Bay — On the Hill*. The History Committee is happy to announce that limited edition prints of Dianne Curington's painting may be purchased by the church congregation during the Christmas season at \$10.00 per print. Each print is titled, signed, and numbered by the artist.

Some of you may not realize that Dianne is a nationally-acclaimed artist. The original watercolor, Dianne's gift to First Baptist Church, will hang in a prominent place in the church.

Unframed prints are available in the church office. Framed prints are on display at the church and may be ordered for pre-Christmas delivery if ordered by Thursday, December 18.

GROUP LEADER TRAINING

3 Sessions

JANUARY 4, 11 and 18

5:00 P.M. IN THE DINING HALL

Leaders: Rodney and Patty Taylor

Our Church Training Program is sponsoring a Leader Training class for Group Leaders. The objective of the class is to better equip these leaders for their ministry. All group leaders and others who function in caring roles are encouraged to participate in this study.

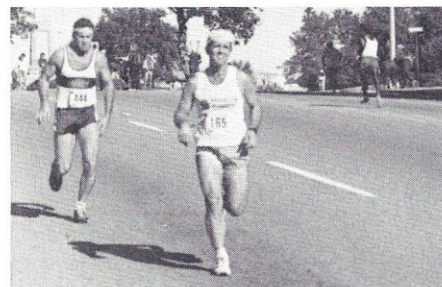
TRAIN FOR EXCELLENCE

LAST CHANCE . . .

To have a history book mailed for Christmas! Call or come by the **CHURCH OFFICE** to purchase a book or have one mailed.

EDDIE QUALIFIES

FOR BOSTON MARATHON!



Congratulations to Eddie Benton who qualified by running the Blue Angel Marathon on December 6 in 2:59:48! Other FBC runners who participated were Bubba Garrett, M'Adele Carson, Les Fairchild, Jeff Turner, Sue Malacha and Roger Matthews. Way to go, folks!

CHALLENGER AWARD REPORT

Approximately 130 young people expressed an interest in either becoming a Christian or wanting to know more about Christ as a result of testimonies given during the 18th Challenger Award Banquet December 8. Adults and youth at First Baptist are now in the process of following up on those decisions. Please pray as they go.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 1986

By Letter:

32. Mr. Erwin H. Wuttke 479-9554
10100 Hillview Road, #630
Pensacola, FL. 32514
From: First Baptist Church,
New Port Richey, FL. 33552

By Statement:

2. Mr. Brent Bushong 432-5031
2821 Belle Christiane Circle
Pensacola, FL. 32503
3. Mrs. Dorothy Bushong
(Same as above)

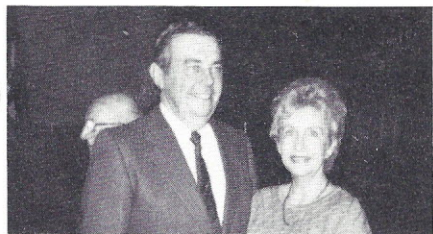
Profession of Faith:

6. Miss Laura Sjoberg 432-4582
2470 Hallmark Drive
Pensacola, FL. 32503

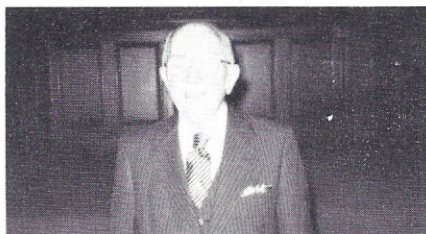
SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The memorial flowers on Sunday, December 28, will be in memory of O. R. McNair (Candyman), given by his wife, Marge, and son, William O. McNair.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP — DECEMBER 14, 1986



MR. and MRS. BRENT BUSHONG (DOROTHY)



MR. ERWIN H. WUTTKE



MISS LAURA SJOBERG

REQUEST FOR INSTRUMENTS

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Music Department of Palm Beach Atlantic College would like to ask for your assistance. Our department is in great need of orchestral instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, etc.). If any member of your congregation has such an instrument that they would be interested in donating, please ask them to contact Mary Ward at Palm Beach Atlantic College, 833-8592, Ext. 234.

Thank you for your kindness.

Cordially,
MIKE SIMONEAUX, Chairman
Department of Music
Palm Beach Atlantic College"

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 22 — 9:00 A.M. — All High School youth will meet at the church to deliver poinsettias and visit all our homebound and shut-in members. Don't miss this opportunity to bring joy to others in serving our Lord!

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WHAT? Associational New Year's Eve Blast.

WHEN? December 31 — 5:30 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.

Meet at First Baptist at 5:15 P.M. — Parents pick up your young person at 12:45 A.M. at First Baptist.

WHO? All Middle and High School Youth from our Association (limit of 400). All First Baptist Youth must be signed up by Sunday, December 28. We will limit our group to the first 75 youth.

WHERE? First Baptist, East Brent and Scenic Heights Baptist.

This will be one of the most fun-filled, exciting New Year's Eve blasts you ever attended. As one of 400 young people, you will engage in volleyball, basketball, walley ball, pool, ping-pong, video games, crazy games, unheard-of relays, movies, popcorn, cokes, pizza . . . all for the small fee of \$2.00.

Don't miss it. We will conclude the evening with a gigantic, exciting worship service in the new East Brent Activities Center led by your very own Youth Minister.

Sign up now!

We need 15 adults to help. Would you? Call Eddie or Marilyn at 433-6700.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the Hospital:

BAPTIST HOSPITAL
128 Mary Charles Renfroe
MINU Karen Howse
460 Willa Jean Guernsey
WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL
327 Thurman Walker
546 Elma McArthur
(Bill McArthur's mother)
SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
534 Barbara Lang
306-2 Mr. Arthur Lane

Out - of - Town:

Mrs. Kay Hennigan
1001 Ann Street
Rockingham, N.C. 28379
Mrs. Ricki Jernigan
1501 Luther Street
Belding, MI. 48809
(Daughter-in-law of
Bob and Vada Jernigan)
Mrs. Gwendolyn Waters
c/o Maudie Jo Beck
438 Twin Creek Road
Crene Coeur, MI. 63141

Christian Sympathy Is Extended:

To Newt Sherburne in the death of his brother in California.
To Mrs. E. G. Hernandez in the death of her sister in Panama City December 14.

Congratulations:

To Jeff Dunson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Dunson, who graduated from Auburn University December 12 with a degree in Forest Engineering.
To Lisa Diane Dennis and Michael Anthony Schroeder on their marriage December 6, 1986.

NOTE OF THANKS

A note of thanks to the church has been received from the family of Troy Almon for the kind expressions of sympathy after his death.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 P.M.

"Carols and Candles"



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts of lovely poinsettias in our Sanctuary and the love and honor you have expressed through these flowers we joyfully pass on to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate.

In Honor of:

BEN and ORENE AULTMAN
By Jackie, Todd and Eric Blancheri
MRS. ESTHER C. BERRY
By Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Malone
MRS. CARL DANIEL
By Carl Daniel
HER GRANDPARENTS
By Stephanie Sansing
MR. and MRS. BENNIE JOHNS
By Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bell
MRS. F. B. KEENE
By Mr. and Mrs. Woody Creel
MR. CHARLES MERRITT
By Bill and Regi Merritt
MR. D. W. RHEA
By Ben and Polly Beard
and Ann and Suzanne
MRS. JEWEL TURMAN
By Mr. and Mrs. George F. Scarborough

In Memory of:

SUE ADAMS
By Marguerite and Lonnie Webster
MR. and MRS. E. C. AUSTIN
By Mrs. Jane Trippe and Dorothy Anne
MR. and MRS. DAVE BAGLEY
By Olivia and Ron Swaine
MR. RONALD R. BELL
By Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bell
BERT R. BERRISFORD
By Margarette S. Berrisford
JOHN BERRY
By His Family
ADELL W. BIRD
By Mr. and Mrs. G. Edison Holland, Jr.,
Laura and Caroline
REV. JAMES D. BOWEN
By Virginia Bowen
and Eleanor and John Halley
EVERETT BRATCHER
By Una Bratcher
ELVA BROOKS
By R. Myrlin Brooks
LARRY G. BULGER
By Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Bulger
MR. and MRS. A. J. BUTLER
By Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Butler
A. W. BUTTS, JR.
By Leone L. Butts
LUTHER CHAVIS
By Bertha Chavis
JOHN FREDERICK COKER
By Dr. and Mrs. John B. Coker
and Lee Anne
DR. W. H. COKER, JR.
DR. and MRS. W. H. COKER, SR.
By Mrs. W. H. Coker, Jr.
MRS. SADIE COLEY
By Kate W. Coley
DICKIE CREEL
By Mr. and Mrs. Woody Creel
BETTY ELOISE CROCKER
By Bobby Crocker
MRS. E. R. CUNNINGHAM
By Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.
RUTH DANIEL
By Gleaners Sunday School Class

In Memory of:

CLARENCE E. DANNELLY
By Mattie Lou Dannelly
ANDREW F. DOWNEY
By Mrs. Pearle S. Downey
DR. H. T. DUKES
By Rita (Dukes) Baroco and Children
JAMES O. ECKERT
By Mrs. James O. Eckert
MRS. LAURIE K. EDDINS
By Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Thrash
MRS. SUSIE EDDINS
By Dora E. Liveakos & Zuila Mae Olson
MR. and MRS. A. S. EDWARDS
By Raymond A. Edwards and Marion
MRS. DORRIS FLEMING
By Connie and Paul Fleming
LLOYD GATLIN
By Mrs. L. M. Gatlin
MRS. JUDSON (LEE) GILLESPIE
By Barbara and Lyman Shivers
MRS. JAMES HALL
By Beverly A. Burns
J. MERTZ HANBERRY
By The Hanberry Family
LEE HARDY
By "The Family"
JAMES DUDLEY HARVELL
WILLIAM DUDLEY HARVELL
By Bonnie Harvell / Wilma Sharp
MR. JESSE L. HENDERSON
By Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Clayton, Jr.
and Family
MR. CURTIS L. HOLT
By Mrs. Lamartine C. Holt
H. H. HUDDLESTON
By Mrs. H. H. (Linnette) Huddleston
CARROLL C. HUGHES
By Joy Hughes and Paul
GEORGE R. HUGHES
By Mildred R. Hughes and Family
THOMAS M. JERNIGAN
By Mrs. Thomas M. Jernigan
and Jack and Pat Overman,
Chad, Becky and Tommy
MAJOR BENNIE C. JOHNS, JR.
By Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bell
EMERY C. KENDICK, JR.
By Cecelia Browning and Aunt
CARL J. LAUDERDALE
By Lynne A. Lauderdale
DR. B. R. LITTLE, M.D.
By Miss Amy Louise Little
MR. L. H. MERRITT
By Bill and Regi Merritt
RAY MINTON
By Katie B. Minton
MR. and Mrs. B. F. Morgan
By Mr. & Mrs. James A. Monk (Emma)
BILLY and JIMMY MORRISON
By Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morrison
OUR PARENTS
By W. J. and Victoria C. Nettles
HENRY B. PARRAMORE
MRS. RUBY STEPHENS
By Nannie Ruth, Ralph and
Sharon Thompson



**The Music Ministry
of
First Baptist Church
Pensacola**

invites you to attend

**CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS
Christmas Oratorio**

presented by

**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
with ORCHESTRA**

**Sunday, December 21, 1986
6:15 P.M.**



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JO ALLENE RADANT
By Lorenio H. Radant
CECIL G. RAY
By Ardye E. Stephens
BOYD H. REEDER
By Mrs. Boyd H. Reeder
MRS. POLLY RHEA
By Ben Beard and Mother - Polly
and Sisters, Ann and Suzanne
MRS. EUNICE ROBERTS
By Irvin Roberts
LON ROBERTS, JR.
By Mike and Triss Masters,
Blake, Beth and Michell
REV. EMORY ROGERS
By Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Guthrie
JOSEPHINE LENZ ROYALS
By Tamara and Tiffany Williams
and Jackie Lehmann
LEON E. SINGLETARY, SR.
By Mrs. Leon E. Singletary, Sr.

In Memory of:

CLAUDIA ELIZABETH SMITH
By Martha L. Pierce
RUSSELL SMITH
By Mrs. Russell J. Smith
MR. and MRS. HENRY N. THRASH
By Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Thrash
MR. JACK T. TRIPPE
By Mrs. Jane Trippe and Dorothy
MR. T. D. TURMAN
By Mr. & Mrs. George F. Scarborough
EARL W. WALDORF
By Gray W. Waldorf
MRS. ALICE WALKER
By Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Clayton, Jr.
and Family
GEORGE WARD, SR.
By David and Virginia O'Neal
MR. and MRS. C. C. WIGGINS
By Kitty Sue Wiggins
and Mrs. J. O. Veach
MISS GLADYS WINDSOR
By Etta Richardson McNemar

(Orders made after December 14 will be mentioned in a later issue of the BUILDER)

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should be in the office, typed, not later
than 10:00 a.m. Monday.

SERMON TITLES

DECEMBER 21, 1986

10:30 A.M.

THE MIRACLE OF MIRACLES
(Luke 1:35 - Matt. 1:18-25)

6:15 P.M.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Last Week

DECEMBER 8 - 14, 1986

SUNDAY SCHOOL1,339
Married Adults 710
Single Adults 129
Youth 176
Children 185
Preschool 139
International Children
(Sunday Afternoon) 29
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.... 583
MEN'S LUNCHEON 135
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP 3
CHURCH TRAINING 110
Adults 26
Youth 77
Children and Preschool 7

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 21

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
No High School Ensemble
until January 4
No Middle School Ensemble
until January 4
4:30 - 6:15 P.M.—Library Open
5:00 P.M.—Church Training
Middle School JOY
No High School Choir
until January 4
No Handbells until January 4
* 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
in "Christmas Oratorio"

Monday, December 22

* 9:00 A.M.—"Needle" Workshop
10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
5:45 P.M.—BW (Night Group)
6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class
7:00 P.M.—"Needle" Workshop
Single Adult 1 Bible Study

Tuesday, December 23

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open
NOTE: Ladies' Luncheon is
canceled for December
No Churchwide Visitation
until January 6

Wednesday, December 24

12:00 Noon—Church Office and C.A.C.
closes
All usual Wednesday activities are canceled
today; resume January 7.

Thursday, December 25

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Friday, December 26

Church Office closed; C.A.C. closed
No Mother's Day Out until January 9

* Nursery Open

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28

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
No High School Ensemble
until January 4
No Middle School Ensemble
until January 4
4:30 - 6:15 P.M.—Library Open

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 14, 1986
Receipts\$ 32,989.39
Weekly Budget Needs.... 30,769.00
Budget Receipts
Year to Date..... 1,417,208.75
Budget Needs
Year to Date..... 1,538,450.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND\$ 9.50
SPECIALS 6,268.005:00 P.M.—Church Training
Middle School JOY
No High School Choir
until January 4
No Handbells until January 4
* 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
No Church Conference
this month
College / Career and Singles
Fellowship after Service
at C.A.C.

Monday, December 29

* 9:00 A.M.—"Needle" Workshop
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.—"Needle" Workshop
Single Adult 1 Bible Study

Tuesday, December 30

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open

Wednesday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:15 P.M.—M.S. and H.S. Youth Party
(Parents: Pick up your
child(ren) at C.A.C.
at 12:45 A.M.)6:00 P.M.—College / Career New Year's
Party — CellarAll usual Wednesday activities are canceled
until January 7

Thursday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office and C.A.C. closed
Businessmen's Luncheon
resumes January 8

Friday, January 2

Church Office and C.A.C. closed
Mother's Day Out resumes January 9

* Nursery Open