



# The First Baptist Builder

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

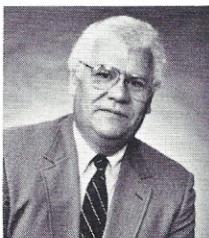
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## The Seagle Say:

### 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! Peggy, 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.



### 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!

## 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**

### 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. Wutke 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 SJÖBERG

## 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  
LLYD 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  
CÉCIL 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. SINGLETON, 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  
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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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All material to be included in the *Builder*  
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 SCHOOL . . . . .                                | 1,339 |
| Married Adults . . . . .                               | 710   |
| Single Adults . . . . .                                | 129   |
| Youth . . . . .  | 176   |
| Children . . . . .                                     | 185   |
| Preschool . . . . .                                    | 139   |
| International Children<br>(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 ..... 6,268.00

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  
    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 — Cellar

All 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