

The First Baptist Builder

Cecil W. Seagle, Pastor
North Palafox at Jackson Street
IN OUR 141ST YEAR OF WORSHIP

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GOD AND COUNTRY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JULY 5 - 10:30 A.M.

- ★ *Presentation of Flags*
- ★ *Introduction of State and Community Leaders*
- ★ *Testimony by Capt. Earle Rogers*
- ★ *Patriotic Music*
- ★ *Sermon by Our Pastor — "Let Freedom Ring"*



CAPT. EARLE ROGERS

Captain Rogers is a graduate of the Naval War College with a Master of Science degree from George Washington University.

Authorized to wear the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and Gold Star, Rogers was also the recipient of the Navy League of the United States, Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Competence. He is an outstanding Christian.

Institute for Christian Growth

New Classes Begin July 12 —
Building Bonds Between Adults and Aging Parents
Fred and Pat Evans

Life After Death
Roger Mott
How to Deal With
Your Feelings
John Hodges

Discovering Jesus
Nancy Garland
Basic Leadership
Skills
Rodney Taylor



BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY NIGHT, JUNE 28

Following the Worship Service.

Please bring your ice cream freezers to the kitchen.

Samaritans Hands Food Drive — Sunday, June 28 — Restock the Pantry!!

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS 1987

The committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee before Wednesday, July 15. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the Scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

SELECTION OF FIRST DEACONS

"And in those days, when the number of disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, 'It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.' " (Acts 6: 1-4, KJV)

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS

"Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, KJV)

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

The vote by the church membership on the nominations recommended by the committee will be announced later.

DEACONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Doug Andrews, Chairman
Andy Trammell
Billy Renfroe

Danny Kepner
Bill Merritt
Jack Archer

ELECTION INFORMATION FOR 1987

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

Jack Archer	John Register
Monte Barrow	Billy Renfroe
Max Dickson	T.A. Shell
Bob Gowing	Hiram Smith
Paul Gray	Andy White
Bill Hinson	Bob Wilson
Joe Napier	

TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1988

Dave Andrews	Joe Ladner
Doug Andrews	Bill Morrison, Jr.
T.H. Blackmon	Jack Overman
Ed Daniel	Ray Pope
Nix Daniel	Frank Rabold
Ed Holland	Andy Trammell
Ed Holt	Rod Williamson

DEACONS EMERITI

J. Claude Adkison	Sidney Kennedy, Jr.
Walter Armistead	G.R. McDonald
O.F. Aultman	David Raley
Ernest Barrineau	Milton Richardson
E. Dixie Beggs	Tom Wash
Myrlin Brooks	Roger Yonker
Judson Gillespie	
Theron A. Guthrie	

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for a period of one year:

Joe Brookins	Danny Kepner
Charles Burns	Billy Merritt
Charles Clevenger	Robert Trotter
Gerald Garrett	Darriel White
Frank Gibbs	Ray Young
Aubrey Gomillion	
Jim Hinson	

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for Deacons:

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

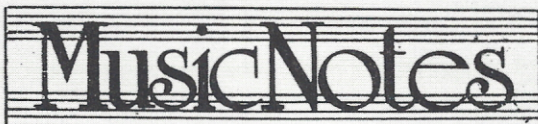
NAME _____

Recommended by: _____

Signature _____

NOTE: Church members may suggest as many names as they wish, but each person should be contacted prior to submitting his name. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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... Bob Morrison

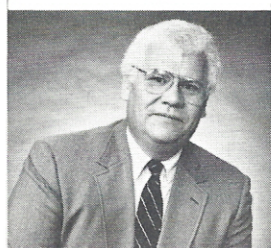
THANK YOU SANCTUARY CHOIR . . . For continuing to minister to us in our worship period! Whether you're singing a gospel-oriented piece, a contemporary anthem, or an outright classical work, you consistently do it as an offering raised unto God. I thank God for your dedication and commitment to excellence; certainly the one about whom we sing -- Jesus Christ -- causes us to strive incessantly toward perfect praises to Him. May others in our fellowship sense the warmest of invitations to join us in this quest. This Wednesday at 7:00 is a great "first rehearsal;" hope to see your "new face" in choir!

ATTENTION ALL TOUR '87 PARTICIPANTS! This Sunday, June 28, is the due date for your second installment of \$35.00; or, if you would like, you may pay the entire balance of \$65.00 for the guys, and \$75.00 for the gals. Remember, make your check out to First Baptist Church. **DON'T FORGET THIS! WE NEED THIS TO MEET SOME TOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS THAT HAVE TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE!** **CHAPEL SINGERS, LED BY LYNNE LAUDERDALE, WERE SUPER LAST SUNDAY!** Their obvious hard work really paid off . . . and is appreciated. This group, like our Adult Ensemble, will now be enjoying a brief summer break until auditions crank up both groups again in September.

The Seagle Say:

SBC ANALYSIS

25,607 Southern Baptists gathered in St. Louis. The last thing any of us should expect is for 25,607 Baptists to agree on anything! Of course we did not. I would like my impressions / analysis to focus on several key items:



I. ATMOSPHERE

Peggie and I have not been to SBC meetings in three or four years. I went expecting the worst. The truth is, I was pleasantly surprised with the relative calm that pervaded the gathering. I am not unaware of all the implications and whispered reasonings — certain groups boycotted, etc. I have good friends on every side of the issue. They were *all* present for the convention. My point, the convention was not an embarrassment to Christ, Southern Baptists and His Kingdom, nor was it quiet because of boycott.

II. PEACE COMMITTEE REPORT

I do not share the conviction that delaying a vote for one year would have been wise. The committee chairman, Dr. Charles Fuller, reflected what I think is a mature and honest response when he indicated they had done their best and had presented the best report possible.

Some would say we rushed the decision. I don't think so. Like all Southern Baptists I had read most of the report in bits and pieces over the past two years. The only new information was the recommendation section. We had more than twelve hours to reflect upon and absorb the material.

Some say the implications are frightening. They talk about rigid creedalism, seminary firing, etc., etc. I'm not foolish enough to comment on what *could* or *might* take place. Trustees of the various schools and institutions will have to lead. They are legally responsible for setting direction. Only time will reveal the accuracy or inaccuracy of the rumors and fears.

III. THE PEACE COMMITTEE . . .

summarizes the dilemma clearly and accurately. I quote: "There is but one way for us to survive as a denomination. It involves the recognition of some basic facts, among them are these:

- 1. Changes are now taking place in the leadership of many Southern Baptist Convention boards.
- 2. These changes will impact these boards and agencies for years to come.
- 3. The role of many who have exercised leadership in the past will change as colleagues of different persuasions will fill leadership roles.
- 4. This change will mean that some who have been in general agreement with convention programs in the past will have less involvement, while those who previously have had difficulty in agreeing with certain convention programs will have more involvement.
- 5. We have seen changes in Southern Baptist life in the past and we will see changes in the future. The important issue is that we must continue to be faithful stewards of the opportunities God has given Southern Baptists."

IV. HOW WILL WE . . .

respond? Better still, let me suggest a five (5)-fold response! We will respond:

- 1. With Maturity!

There must not be a shrill, accusing, or rumor-oriented response by me or you. We will respond with maturity.

- 2. With Integrity!

Parties and personalities while respected are not to be followed blindly. I will reserve the right to think for myself, ask bold, penetrating questions and refrain from additional polarization. "To get along - go along" may be politically wise, but it isn't biblical. No party — or either side — deserves blind loyalty.

- 3. With Charity!

We will treat all folk with charity, kindness and love. We will think the best until the *worst* is proven. We will not succumb to the rumor-mill.

- 4. Without Prejudice!

There are people of great magnitude and ability on all sides of the issue. We will reserve the right to hear from them without prejudice.

I'm not oblivious to the pressure all feel. I hear new and conciliatory language from leaders on all sides. I hope and trust a new day of trust will soon emerge. I caution all of us at the point of followship. I will not follow the angry on either side — no matter their present or prior position. Angry people attract angry followers. We do not need that, and I would caution against it.

I urge you to join me in service in and through the First Baptist Church family. We must begin in our own Jerusalem. I urge you to see the value of the world's greatest missionary enterprise. We must work to see that it remains intact while we struggle with those issues that separate us.

I came home more convinced than ever that our basic division primarily is political / power struggle — not solely doctrinal. There are doctrinal differences among our leaders — yes, no doubt about it — but doctrinal differences is not the heart of our struggle. It fuels the debate — but the conversations in all areas revolve around who's going to lead.

I came home aware of division but with much hope in my heart for resolution — not soon, not quickly, but maybe . . . someday.

I'm grateful to be your pastor. We will continue as His people to serve where possible and to contribute to a missionary endeavor that is world-wide in scope. I haven't said all I feel — but I've said enough!

SEE YOU 1400 STRONG SUNDAY.

1987 Southern Baptist Convention Report

1987 - '88 ELECTED LEADERSHIP

President.....ADRIAN ROGERS, Memphis, Tennessee
First Vice-President.....JACK STANTON, Bolivar, Missouri
Second Vice-President.....VICTOR KANUBBE, Arizona

OVERVIEW OF SBC ACTION AND INFORMATION

- 1. Foreign Mission Board Report Included.

- 3759 Missionaries are now under appointment.
- 20 new churches per week are being started.
- A 17 percent increase in baptisms was reported world-wide.
- An excellent, warm and positive report by Dr. Keith Parks.

- 2. Peace Committee Report.

- The *Florida Baptist Witness* will carry the complete report.
- Some see the adoption of the report as a major item in St. Louis.
- Messengers received the report Tuesday morning and adopted it late Tuesday evening - around 9:40 P.M.
- All materials had been printed in state papers with the exception of the ten (10) recommendations.
- The report was approved overwhelmingly by the messengers.

- 3. Home Mission Board Report.

- Introduced a new Home Mission Board president - Dr. Larry Lewis.
- No new or startling issues brought.
- Dr. Lewis was sharply questioned concerning the Home Mission Board trustee action relating to no aid to women serving as pastors in pioneer work where supplemental salary aid is shared.

- 4. Dr. Billy Graham

- A stirring address to a packed convention hall.
- The humility, wisdom, passion and call of Dr. Graham stands in sharp contrast to many of the tele-evangelists.
- His call to Southern Baptists was a call to revival, renewal and a recommitment to Bold Mission Thrust.

- 5. Resolutions and Motions.

- They were numerous and varied.
- They dealt with credibility in stewardship, abortion, AIDS, etc.
- Among the most important was an amendment disassociating Southern Baptists from PTL. The last thing Southern Baptists need is to be linked with the continuing scandal of PTL.

- 6. Institutions and Agencies.

- All six (6) seminaries were heard from.
- The American Bible Society; the Stewardship Commission; Brotherhood; WMU; Sunday School Board; Executive Committee; Historical Commission; Education Commission; Christian Life Commission; Southern Baptist Foundation; Planned Growth and Giving; Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Baptist World Alliance all brought reports.
- Messengers were permitted to ask questions. Some were inappropriate. Some were accusing. The most blatant came from a layman from South Carolina to Dr. Randall Lolley of Southeastern Seminary. The question was an accusation of misbehaviour on the part of students. The direction of question implied Dr. Lolley and the seminary endorsed their behaviour. Dr. Lolley's response was both positive and clear. He had done everything appropriately in his power to address the issue. The messengers seemed satisfied with his response.



ICE CREAM READING CLUB

SUMMER READING PROGRAM — GRADES 1 - 5

MEDIA LIBRARY — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 21 - AUGUST 16

RULES MAY BE OBTAINED AT DESK IN THE LIBRARY.



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BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

June 21, 1987

Receipts	\$ 23,151.08
Weekly Budget Needs.....	33,435.00
Budget Receipts	
Year to Date.....	759,317.84
Budget Needs	
Year to Date.....	835,875.00

SERMON TITLES

JUNE 28, 1987

10:30 A.M.

"BABEL'S BABBLING"

Genesis 11

7:15 P.M.

"JEWELS FROM TWO JOURNEYMEN"

DINNER MENU

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Barbecue Chicken
Baked Potato
Carrot, Cabbage and Apple Salad
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Tea and Coffee

Last Week

JUNE 15-21, 1987

SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,151
Married Adults	603
Single Adults	108
Youth	152
Children	122
Preschool	132
International Children (Sunday Afternoon)	34
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM....	466
MEN'S LUNCHEON	110
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP	2
CHURCH TRAINING	92
Adults	43
Youth	18
Children / Preschool	31

FELLOWSHIP TIME DURING CHURCH TRAINING HOUR

June 28 — 6:00 P.M.

EVERYONE is invited to Soup and Salad. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food. You will have opportunity to sign up for new classes.

SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 28

SAMARITANS HANDS FOOD DRIVE!

9:00 A.M.—Sunday School
10:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
Ice Cream Fellowship follows

OUR KNOWN SICK

In the Hospital:

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
234 Judy Prim
BAPTIST HOSPITAL
323 Bertie Crews
WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL
214 Mary Knight
SPECIALTY CARE
1216 Mary Charles Renfroe

FOYER FLOWERS

The flowers in the foyer Sunday, June 28, are in loving memory of Eleanor Kennedy, given by Dr. Sid Kennedy on the occasion of his birthday.

PRAYER LIST

Known Out-of-Town:

KARE CENTER, Biloxi, MS.
Ola Rampey
V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, Biloxi, MS.
Jimmy E. Davis
BARBARA JERNIGAN
Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

Please write to:

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Valdosta, GA. 31602
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1001 Ann Street
Rockingham, N.C., 28379
MRS. RICKI JERNIGAN
1501 Luther Street
Belding, MI. 48809
BARBARA JERNIGAN
c/o Vann Santoro
Family House, 223 McKee Place
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213
412-647-7777 — Ext. 505

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, June 28, are to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., given by his family.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

JUNE 21, 1987



MRS. CHERL WYGAL
LAURA SUZANNIE WYGAL

By Statement:

Mrs. Cheryl Wygal 438-9693
1941 Peyton Drive
Pensacola, FL. 32503
From: First Presbyterian,
Pensacola, FL.

On Profession of Faith:

Laura Suzannie Wygal
(Same as above)

REMINDER TO CHURCH COUNCIL

Don't Forget Dinner Meeting
JULY 13 — 6:00 P.M.

BLOODMOBILE

JULY 8 — 4:30 - 6:30
PLEASE GIVE!

BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS

July 13 - 17

NEEDED:
LOCATIONS
WORKERS

CALL

MARY LEE STUBBLEFIELD

476-8610

- OR -

EDDIE BENTON

433-6700