



# The First Baptist Builder

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North Palafox at Jackson Street  
*IN OUR 141ST YEAR OF WORSHIP*

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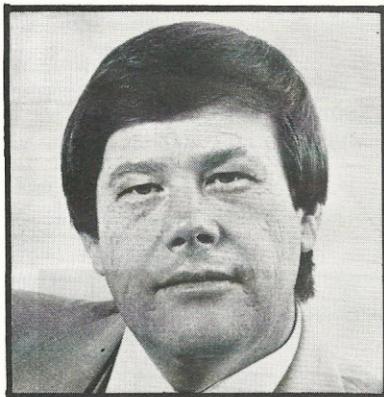


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THIS MAN HAS PRESENTED  
A REVOLUTIONARY MESSAGE TO  
OVER THREE MILLION PEOPLE.

## JAY STRACK CRUSADE

JANUARY 10 - 17, 1988

*(SEE INSIDE FOR FULL DETAILS)*



**SING IN THE  
CRUSADE CHOIR  
WITH  
JACK PRICE**

A very important element of any revival effort is great evangelistic music. With nationally renown Jack Price leading our Crusade Choir, as well as singing solos, our crusade music is sure to play a big role throughout the week! The Crusade Choir will be singing music from Jack's popular choral book, *Simple Gospel II*.

Who can sing in the Crusade Choir? Just about anybody who wants to! While we will be depending on our Sanctuary Choir to serve as the core group, a special invitation is extended to non-choir members and to older youth to sing. It'll be a great time of praising God's name.

The Crusade Choir will be meeting to rehearse 45 minutes before each service. It all begins on Sunday, January 10, at 5:30 P.M. for our first practice, and continues Monday - Friday at 6:15 P.M. for our pre-service rehearsals. Don't miss it!

**CRUSADE WEEK  
DINNER SERVED NIGHTLY  
JANUARY 11 - 15**

Monday, January 11	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, January 12	5:30 P.M.
<b>ALL YOUTH — WORLD'S GREATEST PIZZA PARTY</b>	
Wednesday, January 13	5:30 P.M.
<b>ALL CHILDREN — HOT DOG SUPPER</b>	
Thursday, January 14	5:30 P.M.
Friday, January 15	5:30 P.M.
All Meals: \$2.00, Adults — \$1.00, Students	

**JAY STRACK BIBLE CONFERENCE**

**NOON LUNCHEONS**

Tuesday, January 12.....	12:00 - 12:45 P.M.
Wednesday, January 13.....	12:00 - 12:45 P.M.
Thursday, January 14.....	12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

**SPECIAL MUSIC BY JACK PRICE**

Introduce a friend to the First Baptist Family. Bring them to lunch! Open to the City and Church Family.

**FOR ALL YOUTH**

**WORLD'S GREATEST**

**PIZZA PARTY!**

**JANUARY 12**

**5:30 P.M.**

Bring a Friend to the Party  
and to the Crusade!

**COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**JANUARY 3, 1988**

**BY LETTER:**

Mrs. Patricia Ann Walker 453-9700  
2 Bertram Street  
Pensacola, FL. 32506  
From: FBC, Hood River, Oregon

Mr. Robert Bookout WKPH: 452-3121 — Ext. 7461  
13261 Lillian Hwy., Apt. 14  
Pensacola, FL. 32506  
From: FBC, Harlingen, Texas

**ON PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR BAPTISM:**

Ms. Sharron Wirges  
2601 North Ninth Avenue,  
Pensacola, FL. 32503

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Mary Royals and Mark Driskill on their marriage January 2.

**SYMPATHY TO:**

The Pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to:

Mrs. Jayne Felix in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Eva Harrison, December 25, in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. H. C. Wall in the death of his brother, Louis Wall, January 3, in Atlanta, Georgia.

**CHILDREN'S PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

- ★ HOT DOG SUPPER
- ★ SPECIAL GAMES
- ★ SKATING
- ★ LOADS OF FUN

5:30 P.M.  
Activities Building

## OUR KNOWN SICK

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

#### HOSPITAL

202 Willie Bratcher  
207 Gil Bennett  
249 Virginia Ledford  
353 Helen Cary

#### SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

309 Louise Brooks  
410 Dora Stark  
429 James Fields  
323 Lawren Meacham

#### WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL

224 Cotis Williams  
438 Bill Osborn  
440 Carolyn Winn

#### SPECIALTY CARE

1216 Mary Charles Renfroe

#### GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL

206 Mary Ann McWaters

### BAPTIST WOMEN

### GROUP MEETING CHANGE

January 12, 1988

The SHERRA ARMSTRONG Group will not meet with Mrs. Paul Gray. The meeting will be at Mrs. Robert Trotter's, 4491 Whisper Drive. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Max Dickson.

The STANLEY DAVIS Group will meet with Mrs. Henry Parramore, ~~3010~~ Maule Road, at 10:00 A.M.

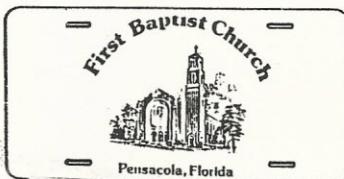
### BAPTIST WOMEN

(Night)

The DORA HARBIN Group will meet with Verla Cates, 2012 East Hernandez, at 6:00 P.M., January 12. Please bring your Bible.

### HELP NEEDED

Two (2) international families are in need of heaters in working condition. Please contact the church office or Barbara Edwards, 438-9397, after 5:00 P.M.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH License  
Plates are now available in the Christian Activities Center for \$1.50.

## The Seagle Say:

JANUARY 10-17 . . .

is on the horizon. What does it mean for the First Baptist family? Only history will fully tell us. What I do know is this — we need to experience a renewing of God's power and presence. We need to see people without Christ come to know Him.

You see — that's my need! A need for:  
— reviving and renewal;  
— new vision and enthusiasm;  
— reaching those without Christ to become top priority once again.

I desperately need the refreshing winds of God to blow across my life and our church. It has nothing to do with being bad. It has to do with being His.

PREPARATION . . .

is intense. For instance:

— 48 hours of *prayer* is going to be the foundational for the week. It is not in our strength — but in "His power."

— *Publicity and promotion* has been launched. We want our City to join us for this spiritually life-changing journey.

— *Counselors* have been trained to care for and share with those making decisions. I anticipate need for a large number of counselors.

— food service is set. Dinner is available every evening. Reason? I do not want you to be distracted in any way because of distance or time pressure. Meet your family here after work, have dinner and remain.

My point is simple. We've done all I know to do to get the word out and get us ready. The "tale of the tape" will be provided through our commitment to the week.

JAY STRACK . . .

is a gifted, talented, excellent preacher. I've known him personally for several years. I first saw him and heard him about five years ago as he spoke to the Florida Youth Evangelism Conference. Literally hundreds heard and responded to his message. You will like him. You will be blessed by him.

Please pray with me about this event. I desperately want us to fill our building to overflow every night. First Baptist can and must become a pacesetter for our City.

Count me in!

## CRUSADE SCHEDULE

January 10-17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 A.M. — Youth Rally  
10:30 A.M. — Crusade  
6:15 P.M. — Crusade

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 P.M. — Crusade

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:00 Noon — Bible Conference (Luncheon)  
7:00 P.M. — Crusade

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

12:00 Noon — Bible Conference (Luncheon)  
7:00 P.M. — Crusade

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 Noon — Bible Conference (Luncheon)  
7:00 P.M. — Crusade

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 P.M. — Crusade

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

— NO SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

10:30 A.M. — Crusade  
6:15 P.M. — Crusade

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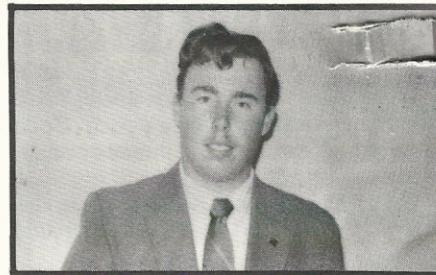
## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP — JANUARY 3, 1988



MS. SHARRON WIRGES



MRS. PATRICIA ANN WALKER



MR. ROBERT BOOKOUT

**BLESSERCIZE**

Aerobics classes will begin at 9:15 A.M. on Monday and Thursday mornings beginning January 18. The nursery will be open at 9:00 A.M. and the class will meet in the C.A.C. The cost will be \$1.00 per class or \$12.00 for a six weeks session.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**WINTER BEACH PARTY**  
**JANUARY 18**  
**9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**  
**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**  
**Cost - \$1.00**

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WINTER BEACH PARTY**  
**ANNUAL FLAMINGO**  
**FOOTBALL GAME**  
**January 20**  
**9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**  
**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**  
**Cost - \$1.00**

**THINK SNOW!!**  
**ANNUAL**  
**SKI TRIP TO COLORADO**  
**For All Juniors and Seniors**  
**APRIL 1 - 9, 1988**  
**Cost - \$200.00**

**“BEHIND” - NOT “IN”...**

Sunday School offers a new class in Basic Bible Study. Mrs. Toni Clevenger will begin a six-month survey of the Bible beginning January 24. The class will meet in the classroom on the Balcony level **BEHIND** the Balcony. The focus of the class will be a sequential study of the events and characters of the Bible.

Contact the church office to enroll — 433-5631.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*The Foundation Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following gifts:*

**LOTTIE MOON***In Memory of:*

MRS. CAROLYN MORRIS  
 By Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williamson  
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 By Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Creel  
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 By Miss Genevieve Averett  
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 WILLIAM LESLIE SMITH  
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 Class  
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 By Miss Alice Nicholson  
 MISS LOIS WILLIAMS  
 By Lydia Sunday School Class  
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MR. PRESTON HUSTED  
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**A SPECIAL THANKS**

to all the WMU organizations who participated in contributing gifts for use in the Seamen's Ministry. They were all distributed and were greatly appreciated by all who received them.

L. P. McDOWELL  
 Seamen's Service

**YEAR-END RECEIPTS**

Budget Receipts .....	\$ 39,265.50
Total Receipts .....	1,646.60
For Year .....	1,646.60
1987 Budget .....	1,738.00
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Special Gifts .....	\$ 68,500.00

# A NEW EVANGELIST FOR A NEW GENERATION.

Picture him standing tall, his left hand holding an open Bible, his right hand pointing upward. He is speaking to thousands crowded into a large arena. Picture him in the hostile environment of an inner-city high school. His pungent message keeps the attention of even the most troublesome teenager. Picture him talking with a distraught young man. Patiently, he gives the desperate man sound, biblical counsel. Picture him in a book-lined study. He has been there for hours, painstakingly researching and writing. Each of these images fits the same man. Dynamic and determined, he is considered by many to be a leading evangelist of today's generation. Jay Strack is his name.

Though in his early 30's, Jay reflects a wisdom far exceeding his years. His ministry has grown phenomenally and now touches thousands of lives every week. But life hasn't always been so fruitful for Jay. In fact, not too many years ago he was in serious shape.

## GOING FAST DOWN THE WRONG ROAD

When Jay Strack was six years old his parents divorced, leaving him emotionally devastated. Jay and an older stepbrother stayed with their mother, moving from city to city within the scope of a few years. It was a difficult time in every sense-financially, socially, spiritually. Jay became disinterested in school, failing many classes and intentionally rejecting authority figures.

The situation worsened as Jay entered the teenage years. He began to drink, smoke and experiment with drugs. By the end of the seventh grade he was a "weekend drunk," as he puts it. By the eighth grade, he regularly smoked marijuana. Throughout high school, Jay was a typical "junkie." Life's misery was compounded when he was arrested for possession of drugs with the intent to distribute.

In the detention center, Jay recalls, "I had time to think. I realized I was going nowhere fast. I knew I had to change. Like most druggies, I had tried to quit a hundred times. I had even sworn to it over the grave of one of my friends who drowned while under the influence of drugs. But I never had the power."

## A TROPHY OF GOD'S GRACE

As an infant, Jay had been baptized into the Episcopal Church, but he attended services only on an occasional Christmas or Easter. Turned off to traditional religion, Jay toyed with Zen Buddhism and other cults. He found no satisfaction, of course, and felt more estranged from God than ever. At that critical time, a friend shared with Jay the same great news - news of true transformation, true spiritual power. The friend told of his own decision to become a Christian, and he invited Jay to attend a Bible study with a small group. It was there in the living room of his friend's home that a long-haired, barefoot, unkempt Jay Strack trusted in Jesus Christ.

Instantaneously, the blinders were removed and Jay understood the spiritual reality of salvation. Set free in his heart, he got rid of all the booze and drugs and paraphernalia. In place of the artificial "highs" he was used to inducing, Jay began to experience the thrill of growth in God's grace. His new life was vivid testimony that he was a trophy of that grace.

## FIRST STEPS, FIRST FRUITS

Returning to school, Jay boldly shared his new-found faith. With zealous abandon he challenged scores of friends and acquaintances to give their lives to Christ. God began to bless his spontaneous evangelistic outreach with much fruit, creating a "Jesus Movement" type of following. He organized a nightly Bible study which soon attracted throngs of teenagers. In a matter of months, hundreds had believed and received Christ.

During those "Jesus Movement days" as Jay calls them, he met his wife, Diane. That was a high point. There were so many other blessings, and many lessons in those days. The most enduring, says Jay, is the conviction that "no lasting work for the Lord is done apart from the local church."

In the summer after his graduation from high school, Jay sensed the call of God to full-time ministry. He enrolled in a Bible study course taught by Dr. Fred Williams, director of Missions for the local Baptist Association. Thus began his formal preparation. A year later, Jay was called to pastor a small church in Immokalee, Florida. Everything seemed to be happening all at once. Jay comments, "I turned 19 years old on July 24, got my license to preach on August 15, got married on August 19, and went immediately to pastor."

After a year and a half in that rural pastorate, Jay knew he needed more education. He applied to numerous colleges, but was repeatedly turned down because of his police record and poor high school grades. Finally, Baptist College in Charleston, South Carolina accepted him on academic probation. Seizing the opportunity, Jay set out to prove his potential. He completed the college's four-year program in two years and graduated with honors.

## AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE

During his days in Charleston, Jay preached in revivals throughout the Southeast, leading hundreds to a saving knowledge of Christ. Wanting to further advance his studies, he enrolled in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. But the invitations to preach soon became so numerous that Jay had to decide between them and seminary. Convinced that God was leading him, Jay launched into an evangelistic ministry.

Everywhere he went, God blessed his no-nonsense, direct preaching of the Word. In some cities, hundreds of decisions for Christ were recorded. Other opportunities opened up, including book, movie and recording projects. And, somehow, Jay found the time to complete courses of study in which he earned both master's and doctoral degrees through off-campus programs.

## GETTING A PASTOR'S HEART

Feeling the increasing burden to "settle down" and spend time with his wife and two daughters, Jay accepted the call of the Riverside Baptist Church in Fort Myers, Florida. Under his leadership, the church grew explosively, its membership doubling to more than 3,000. More than 1,200 new believers were baptized. The church's outreach extended to include a radio station and a television ministry.

## THERE'S THAT CALL, AGAIN

As much as Jay loved the people at Riverside and praised God for the fruitful ministry among them, his heart ached. The call to evangelism could not be ignored. It was there, and Jay knew it was from God. He made the difficult decision to resign from the pastorate and answer God's call to evangelistic work. Since that crucial commitment, the burden has deepened, the vision has broadened, and the opportunities have increased dramatically.

Every year Jay's schedule includes nearly 30 week-long crusades, plus many one-night engagements. And there can be no doubt he is making an impact. Whether addressing a civic club, answering a pointed question on a television interview, or speaking to thousands in one of the rallies, Jay Strack is always the same. Dynamic. Determined. And dedicated to win others to the Savior.

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## BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

January 3, 1988	
Receipts .....	\$24,135.67
Weekly Budget Needs .....	35,558.00
Budget Receipts .....	
Year to Date.....	24,135.67
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Year to Date.....	35,558.00

## DINNER MENU

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Fried Chicken  
Buttered Lima Beans  
Cabbage, Carrot and Apple Salad  
Dinner Roll and Butter  
Dessert  
Tea and Coffee

## Last Week

DECEMBER 28, 1987 - JANUARY 3, 1988

SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	1,172
Extension Department .....	52
Married Adults .....	560
Single Adults .....	153
Youth .....	157
Children .....	149
Preschool .....	101
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP .....	3

## PRAYER LIST

KARE CENTRE, Biloxi, MS.  
Ola Rampey  
OAK HARBOUR, Washington  
Rhonda Palma  
(Daughter of Ron Giles)

## FAMILY AT WORK

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 - 10:30 A.M.—Library Open  
\* 9:00 A.M.—Sunday School  
    Youth Rally  
\* 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship  
    3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study  
    4:00 P.M.—Prayer Meeting  
    4:30 - 6:15 P.M.—Library Open  
    5:00 P.M.—Church Training  
        Middle School JOY  
        YouthQuake  
    5:30 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 A.M.—“Needle” Workshop  
9:00 A.M. - Noon—Samaritans Hands  
10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group  
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise  
\* 5:30 P.M.—Crusade Dinner  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
\* 7:00 P.M.—CRUSADE

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open  
12:00 Noon—Bible Conference  
    and Luncheon  
\* 5:30 P.M.—World's Greatest Pizza Party  
    for Youth  
    Crusade Dinner  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
\* 7:00 P.M.—CRUSADE

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.—Explorer's Bible Study  
    Meeting — S-301  
12:00 Noon—Bible Conference  
    and Luncheon  
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise  
4:30 P.M.—Clarion Choir  
    Children's Choirs  
4:30 - 7:15 P.M.—Library Open  
\* 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens  
5:00 P.M.—Missions Comm. — S-110  
\* 5:30 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
    Children's Hot Dog Supper  
    Choir Officers Mtg. S-107  
    Boy Scout Comm. S-109  
    Deacon Prayer Min.  
        Team S-113  
5:40 - 6:10 P.M.—Our Gang Time  
    (Children's recreation)  
6:00 P.M.—Mission Friends  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
    High School JOY  
    Middle School Acteens  
    R.A.'s  
    G.A.'s  
\* 7:00 P.M.—CRUSADE

## HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

MRS. INEZ YARBROUGH  
921 North Palafox Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32501  
Telephone: 432-4304

## COMING SOON!!

DISCIPLE NOW 1988  
February 18th - 21st  
Cost - \$22.00

## MISSION GIFTS

### LOTTIE MOON

GOAL .....	\$93,000
GIVEN TO DATE .....	\$84,063

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Library Open  
9:30 - 11:15 A.M.—Explorer's Bible Study  
12:00 Noon—Bible Conference  
    and Luncheon  
\* 5:30 P.M.—Crusade Dinner  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
\* 7:00 P.M.—CRUSADE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

\* 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out  
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise  
\* 5:30 P.M.—Crusade Dinner  
\* 6:15 P.M.—Crusade Choir Rehearsal  
\* 7:00 P.M.—CRUSADE  
\* Nursery Open  
\*\* Nursery by Reservation Only