



# The First Baptist Builder

Cecil W. Seagle, Pastor  
North Palafox at Jackson Street  
IN OUR 142ND YEAR OF WORSHIP

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*Merry Christmas  
From the  
Staff Of  
First Baptist Church*



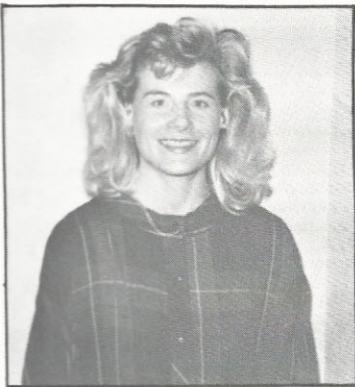
## HALLELUJAH! VICTORY DAY VICTORY!

Thanks be to God that First Baptist Church has met the 1988 Lottie Moon offering goal of \$86,000! Sharing with the world the meaning of Christmas — what a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour! Many thanks to all those who worked to bring the goal to reality and to all who contributed to the offering.

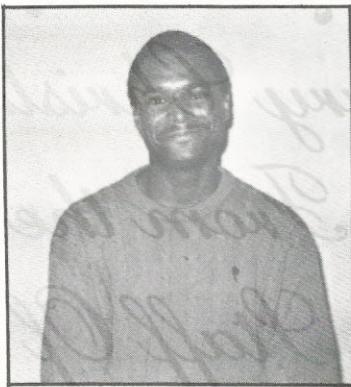
— Missions Committee, WMU Council

1988 GOAL	.....	\$86,000
1988 OFFERING	.....	\$86,100

### COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP — DECEMBER 18, 1988



MISS TINA M. PEEBLES



MR. ANTHONY E. COWAN

### JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

*The Gospel of John*

Classes Begin 5:00 P.M. January 8



#### First Baptist Christmas Music

##### *Messiah*

(Sanctuary Choir)

Saturday, December 17, 8:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, December 24, 9:00 P.M.  
Sunday, December 25, 2:00 P.M.

##### *Tradition*

(Children's Choirs/Clarion Choir)  
Saturday, December 24, 7:00 P.M.

##### *'Specially For Shepherds*

(Chapel Choir)

Saturday, December 24, 11:00 P.M.  
Sunday, December 25, 5:00 P.M.

*A gift for you*

### THE PEOPLE RESPONDED DECEMBER 18, 1988

#### BY LETTER:

Miss Tina M. Peebles (205) 981-5334  
5312 Beach Boulevard  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

From: Myrtle Grove Bapt., Pensacola

#### BY STATEMENT:

Mr. Anthony E. Cowan 438-5889  
1512 East Hatton  
Pensacola, FL 32503

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### SYMPATHY:

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

Ben Waters on the death of her mother, Maude Davis Short, December 13.

Bill Waters on the death of his grandmother, Maude Davis Short.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marilyn McGowin and Lynn Livingston who graduated from Auburn University December 9.

Milette Ward and Rene West on their marriage December 17.

#### THANK YOU:

Thank you notes have been received in the church office from:

Paula Howard for all the prayers and expressions of kindness shown to her and her family during her recent hospitalization.

Joe and Effie Altilio for the many visits and prayers during Joe's recent surgery and hospitalization. "It always lifts your spirit and gives you strength to carry on when you know your church family is praying for you."

### HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will close at Noon on December 23 and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on December 28.

The office will also be closed January 2.

### OUR KNOWN SICK

#### IN THE HOSPITAL:

##### BAPTIST HOSPITAL

285 Gail Gatwood  
231 Leslie White  
MINU Katherine Karm  
256 Beulah Ferguson  
413 Harold Stokes  
483 Elmer Deering

##### SPECIALTY CARE

206 Stella Kendrick  
216 Mary Charles Renfroe  
221 Virginia Ledford

##### SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

411 Edward Horn  
424 Bessie Hardy  
450 Ruby Kent

##### WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL

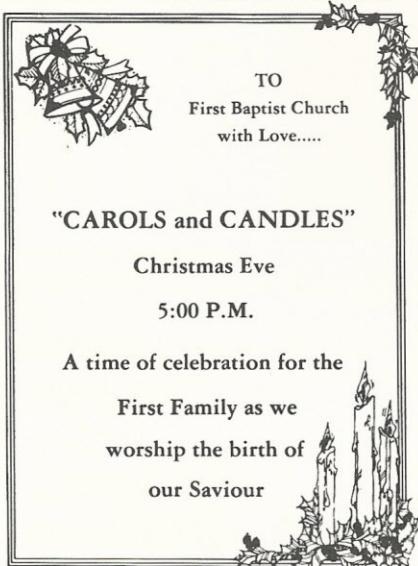
429 Cotis Williams

##### GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL

217 Frank Barrineau

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, January 1, will be in memory of W. H. Smith, given by Mary Ellen, Cricket and Susie.



**COMMITTEE ORIENTATION MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**4:00 P.M.**

Members of all church committees are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Sunday, January 8, at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting will begin in the Dining Room, and then break up into individual committee groups. The purpose of the meeting is to zero in on the responsibilities for 1989, to meet any new members of the committee, and to determine the meeting schedule of subsequent meetings.

**BUDGET PLANNING TO DATE**

1989 Budget . . .	\$1,858,430
Pledges and Other Anticipated	
Receipts . . .	\$1,538,087
82.7%	

It is not too late to make a pledge! If you intend to contribute to the Lord's work through your church, please turn in a PLEDGE CARD indicating the amount you will be giving in 1989.

**VIDEO TAPES ARE IN!**

If you ordered a video tape of the August Mini-Concert Series, they are in the Music Office ready to be picked up.

**BAPTIST WOMEN MEETING**

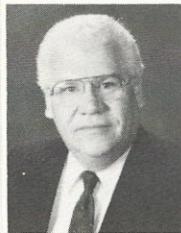
**JANUARY 3 — 10:00 A.M.**

Martha Trotter and Beth Gowing Share  
"THEIR TRIP TO PERU."

**1988 CHALLENGER AWARD**  
**BANQUET FOLLOW-UP**

199 — First-time decisions for Jesus Christ.  
541 — Rededications or desire to know more about growing as a Christian.

## The Seagle Say:



**Christmas '88 . . .**  
has been:  
- filled with matchless music;  
- made magnetic through all kinds of class, department and family gatherings;  
- saturated with Christ exalting worship and praise. I cannot remember a more exciting season in all my life!

**You have . . .**  
blessed us with cards galore. We've savored every written morsel! You've made us feel special. You've given loving

and kind gifts. For every expression of your love for us we give thanks to Him and to you! I count it joy to be known as your pastor. We count it joy to share life in Christ with you.

**Simply . . .**

but honestly — we love you. Peggy and I wish for you and yours a happy and joyous season. May the Father be honored and glorified through the "Holy-Day" season.

May the Christ of Peace and the Peace of Christ envelope your life and give you a new, vital awareness of His love and presence. Merry Christmas, dear friends!



## FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!!

**DECEMBER 28 - 29 — COST: \$20.00**

Sign-up now with Eddie Benton for a wonderful time at the Holiday Inn, Navarre Beach. Deadline for sign-up and all monies due is December 21. We will enjoy ° INDOOR POOL ° SPA ° TENNIS ° BASKETBALL ° VOLLEYBALL and will have as our special guests the BCM group from the University of Kentucky. High Schoolers, don't miss this great retreat!

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve: Carols and Candles — 5:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Day: Worship — 10:30 A.M.**

The staff, deacon body and pastor have adopted the above schedule for the Christmas season. There will be no Sunday School Sunday, December 25th. The schedule allows parents and children a bit of extra time on Sunday morning. An outstanding Children's program Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is being planned as a part of the worship experience. Join us for an exciting and joyous time of celebration and praise.

CECIL W. SEAGLE, Pastor



## 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:*

MARTHA DICKSON  
By Love Sunday School Class  
THE SUNDAY NITE RIDERS  
By Young Adult 1 Sunday School Class

*In Memory of:*

LEE GILLESPIE  
By Lee and Lynn Schulte

*In Memory of:*

M. H. CRANMER  
By Mrs. Evelyn Cranmer  
GRACE SWOFFORD  
By James M. Swofford  
ELEANOR KENNEDY  
By Dr. Kennedy and Family

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

### CHAPEL

#### *In Memory of:*

LONORA NOWLIN BOWMAN  
By Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan  
BILL OSBORN  
By Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan  
RICKI JERNIGAN  
By Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan

### BENEVOLENCE

#### *In Honor of:*

VICKY RIGGS  
By Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan

#### *In Memory of:*

MARY ANN McWATERS  
By Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bell

### FOUNDATION

#### *In Memory of:*

KELLY MOWE  
By Paul and Ruby Howse

### BUILDING FUND

#### *In Memory of:*

MARY ANN McWATERS  
By Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers

### LIBRARY

#### *In Memory of:*

HENRY G. SELLERS, JR.  
By R. E. and Mary Louise Hooper

### LOTTIE MOON

#### *In Honor of:*

TOM and LOUISE WASH  
(50th Anniversary)

By Charles and Lil Burns

Mr. and Mrs. David Andrews

RODOLPH and MAE DIXON  
By Bruce Brock

PAT EVANS

By New JOY Sunday School Class

#### *In Memory of:*

KELLY MOWE  
By Mr. and Mrs. David Andrews

Mrs. James Hurt and Family

ARCHIE Z. LAVENDER

By Mrs. Leon E. Singletary, Sr.

DR. NATHAN BROOKS

By Mrs. James Hurt and Family

LEON E. SINGLETARY, SR.

MRS. GEORGIA TRENATHAN

By Mrs. James Hurt and Family

# BASKETBALL

## BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS IN THE C.A.C.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD — 17 and Under League**

9:00 P.M. — FBC vs. First United Methodist

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH — Men's League**

9:00 P.M. — FBC - Jackson vs. FBC - Garrett

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH — 15 and Under League**

6:00 P.M. — FBC vs. Liberty

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH — 13 and Under League**

9:00 A.M. — FBC - Wilson vs. Fairfield Presbyterian

12:30 P.M. — FBC - Hinson vs. First Presbyterian

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH — 11 and Under League**

5:00 P.M. — FBC - McCargo vs. East Hill Baptist

FBC - Boyd has a BYE

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

People wishing to make year - end contributions to be posted to 1988 contribution records will need to have the money or check brought to the church office by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, December 30.

The church office will be closed on Saturday, December 31, but anyone wishing to make a contribution on that date should date a check December 31, 1988, and put it in the mail that day so that it bears a December 31 postmark.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Foundation Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following gifts:

## BENEVOLENCE

### In Honor of:

PAULA HOWARD  
By Friends at Jim Allen School  
T. A. and ELOISE SHELL  
By Margaret H. Hughes

## BUILDING FUND

### In Memory of:

MARY ANN McWATERS  
By J. O. and Sylvia L. Love  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers

## FOUNDATION

### In Memory of:

MARY ANN McWATERS  
By Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Smith, Jr.  
HENRY G. SELLERS, JR.  
By Barbara B. Schreiner  
Henry and Florida Smith  
Martha and Charles Folmar  
KELLY MOWE  
By James and Ellen Bromley  
Jack Gardner & Associates  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Howe

## PLAYGROUND FUND

### In Honor of:

BILLY & MARY CHARLES RENFROE  
By Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Adams

## CHAPEL

### In Honor of:

JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS  
By Woody and Vada Creel  
In Memory of:  
HENRY G. SELLERS, JR.  
By Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Burks  
Mr. and Mrs. George Yarbrough, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green  
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W. A. HIBBERT  
By Mr. and Mrs. George Yarbrough, Jr.  
By Woody and Vada Creel  
ROBERT SANSING  
By Charles and Mary Dean Cox  
MRS. MATTIE ELIZABETH BRYANT  
By Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green  
LUCILLE SHOFNER  
By Woody and Vada Creel  
JACK BROWN  
By Woody and Vada Creel

## LOTTIE MOON

### In Honor of:

TOM and LOUISE WASH  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)  
By Joy Sunday School Class  
RODOLPH and MAY DIXON  
By Dr. and Mrs. Ken Counselman  
YOUNG AULT 1 S.S. CLASS  
By Sunday Nite Van Widows  
MARVIN & LINDA LEECH & FAMILY  
By Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards  
MELISSA and DAVID CHISM  
By Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards

## LOTTIE MOON

### In Honor of:

FRANCES and ERNEST BARRINEAU  
By Mrs. Herman O. Williams

### In Memory of:

LAURA STOESSEN  
By Mrs. Judd Gatlin  
Betty Egedy WMU Circle  
CATHERINE LANCASTER  
By Winnie Lancaster  
MERLE NELL WINDHAM  
By Winnie Lancaster  
E. A. BRATCHER  
By Mrs. E. A. Bratcher  
W. A. HIEBERT  
By Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ingram  
E. L. PUCKETT  
By Elizabeth M. Puckett  
JAMES L. HURT  
By Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ingram  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steele  
CLEMMIE STEELE  
By Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steele  
MARY ANN McWATERS  
By Dolores and Monte Barrow  
Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Buff  
Laura Shelton Baptist Women  
Group  
KELLY MOWE  
By Mr. and Mrs. Elton Dunson  
Dora and Freddie Stark  
Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Buff  
MRS. DOROTHY EDWARDS FIELDS  
By Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards  
MR. and MRS. A. S. EDWARDS  
By Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards  
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## LIBRARY

### In Memory of:

JACK C. BROWN  
By Mrs. Judd Gatlin  
ARCHIE Z. LAVENDER  
By James and Mary Lou Sutton  
MARY ANN McWATERS  
By Median Adult 4 Department  
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Minchew  
Jewel Garrett  
Mr. and Mrs. Harper Shannon  
HENRY C. SELLERS, JR.  
By Charles, Dot, Janet and June Cork  
Dolores and Monte Barrow  
Martha L. Pierce  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Letcher Lamkin  
Mrs. Judd Gatlin  
W. L. and Jean Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. Pryce B. Gibson  
Joy Sunday School Class  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Haynes  
Charles and Mary Dean Cox  
Vonceil McCreary  
Byron H. Gibson  
Norma and Jack Harless  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Schumann  
Bill and Linda Bollinger  
MATTIE ELIZABETH BRYANT  
By George and Dora Liveakos

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## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, December 25, are in memory of Chris Mitchell, wife of Robert E. Mitchell.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### WINTER BEACH PARTY

JANUARY 16 - 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

ANNUAL FLAMINGO FOOTBALL GAME

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED COST: \$1.00



## RETREAT

### FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

JANUARY 20-21

HOLIDAY INN, NAVARRE BEACH

COST: \$20.00

Sign-up with Eddie Benton for a special time of Bible Study, fun, and fellowship!  
Deadline for all monies is January 15, 1989.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Shown above, left to right, are Paul Reynolds, Tate High School, and Scott Hawk, Washington High School, who were Challenger Award winners for the second year in a row. Congratulations, Paul and Scott, we're proud of you!

## FAMILY AT WORK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

° 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

— OFFICE CLOSED —

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

— OFFICE CLOSED —

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

° 9:00 A.M.—Sunday School

° 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship

3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study

Japanese Bible Study - E-308

4:30 P.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

5:00 P.M.—Middle School JOY

YouthQuake

° 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

— OFFICE CLOSED —

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Samaritans Hands

5:30 P.M.—Chapel Bells

6:30 P.M.—Surrender

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

° 4:30 P.M.—Clarion Choir

Children's Choirs

° 4:30 P.M.—High School Actees

° 5:15 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner

5:40 - 6:10 P.M.—Our Gang Time

° 5:45 P.M.—Exaltation — S-311

6:00 P.M.—A Cappella Singers — L-220

Mission Friends

Middle School Actees

R.A.'s

G.A.'s

\* 6:15 P.M.—PRAYER MEETING

High School JOY

\* 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir

7:15 - 8:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 A.M. - Noon—Samaritans Hands

9:30 A.M.—Explorer's Bible Study - S-112

12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon

5:30 P.M.—Youth Visions

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

° 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

\* Nursery Open

\*\* Nursery by Reservation Only

## DINNER MENU

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Roast Beef and Gravy

Steamed Rice

Buttered Lima Beans or Cole Slaw

Cornbread or Roll

Dessert

Tea and Coffee

## BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

Weekly Budget Needs... \$ 32,836.00  
December 18, 1988

Receipts ..... 51,720.64

Budget Receipts

Year to Date ..... 1,640,981.50

Budget Needs

Year to Date ..... 1,674,636.00

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND ..... \$23,281.31  
SPECIALS ..... 11,628.92

## SERMON TITLES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1988

10:30 A.M.

"FOR UNTO YOU . . ."

Luke 2:11

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No Evening Service

## LAST WEEK

DECEMBER 12 - 18, 1988

SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 1,391

Extension Department ..... 58

Married Adults ..... 680

Single Adults ..... 147

Youth ..... 179

Children ..... 204

Preschool ..... 123

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.... 436

MEN'S LUNCHEON ..... 92

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP ..... 2

## SANTA VISITS

### CAMBODIAN CHILDREN



Single Adult 3 Sunday School Department sponsored a Christmas party at First Baptist Church for the Cambodian children of Pensacola Tuesday night, December 13. The children and their parents enjoyed refreshments and each child received a gift from Santa.