

# The First Baptist Builder

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North Palafox at Jackson Street

*In the Heart of Pensacola . . . With Pensacola on Our Hearts*

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## Brian's Lines



Sunday was an outstanding day as we focused on missions on Sunday morning and on our music program on Sunday evening. Thank you for your fine attendance. We were privileged to have Dr. Dot Sample in our services.

I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED . . . in the response to the Apostle's Creed which we used at the end of one of our services. Of course, we Baptists do not affirm a creed. But we thought it would be informative for us to use one of the earliest creeds of the church. Some have expressed opposition to the phrase concerning "the holy Catholic Church." In this case, of course, the reference is not to the Catholic Church as over against the Baptist Church but the catholic church in the sense of the universal church. The Bible affirms that through Christ we all become a part of the body of Christ, the universal church, God's forever family. Although the emphasis of the New Testament is on the local congregation, the idea of the universal church is also there. Even more have responded to the statement concerning Jesus' "descent into hell." The New Testament does not specifically state that Jesus descended to hell. However, early in the church's history, this became a part of Christian doctrine based on several things: Jesus' victory over death implied that He had experienced all that death holds for man and had defeated it; the reference in Ephesians 4:9 which says that Jesus "descended into the lowest parts of the earth"; the reference in 1 Peter 3:19 that Jesus made proclamation to the spirits now in prison; and the reference in 1 Peter 4:6 that Jesus preached to the dead. I'm glad that so many of you were paying attention, and I thought this further bit of information might be helpful.

I ENJOYED . . . the time with the children Sunday morning. I plan to have a special time in the service with them for the next two Sundays. Please encourage your children to come forward and join us.

THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME . . . in the life of our church. You will notice on the front page of the *Builder* a list of some of these events. All of them help us to come to a deeper understanding of Christmas.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will be preaching a message entitled "What Was Wrong With The Older Brother?" based on the story of the prodigal son. Sunday night I will preach a message from 1 Peter as we also hear the Chapel Singers perform. It is going to be a great day. I'll see you here.

## Christmas at First Baptist Church

**Sunday, December 9**

6:15 P.M. — Chapel Singers Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 12**

6:30 A.M. — Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, December 13**

7:00 P.M. — Fifth Grade Christmas Play

**Sunday, December 16**

11:00 A.M. — Leisure Timers Choir Presentation

3:30 P.M. — Puppet Show for Internationals

5:00 P.M. — Caroling for Grades 1 - 5

6:15 P.M. — Sanctuary Choir's Presentation  
of Handel's *MESSIAH*

**Wednesday, December 19**

5:15 P.M. — Christmas Buffet

6:15 P.M. — White Christmas Service  
High School Choir Sings and  
Puppets Perform

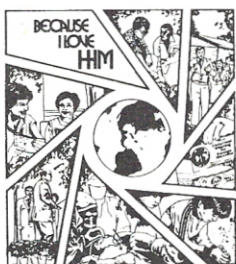
**Monday, December 24**

5:00 P.M. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

6:00 and 10:00 P.M. — First Baptist Church  
Christmas Special on Channel 3





## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering National Goal: \$66,000,000 OUR GOAL . . . . . \$76,000

DON'T ASSUME . . . that we will reach the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal this year! While giving has risen dramatically (from more than \$16 million in 1970 to more than \$58 million in 1983), we have reached the goal in only half those years!

Consider the significant role of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Since the first offering in 1888, Southern Baptists have given a total of \$653,907,372.83 through this special emphasis. Carl Johnson, Foreign Mission Board vice-president for finance and treasurer, reports that by 1988 — 100 years since the offering began — the cumulative total may pass the one billion dollar mark.

The flags in the Sanctuary are a visual reminder of individuals around the world who need to hear the story of God's love. Flags will be placed there each time \$1,000 is given. The Christian flag will designate we've met our goal of sending funds to these countries.

## CHURCHWIDE VISITATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30 — SNACK SUPPER

6:00 — VISITATION ASSIGNMENTS

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Mike Simoneaux

WEREN'T THE GRADED AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS GREAT!? Thank you, choir members and workers, for preparing our hearts for the special meaning of Christmas through your music.

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT THE CHAPEL SINGERS, under the direction of Lynne Lauderdale-Hinds, will present a program of selected numbers for Christmas. This special group always thrills us. Don't miss hearing them.

VARIOUS MUSICAL GROUPS from First Baptist Church are being called upon to perform all around Pensacola during this Holiday Season. This is our Music Ministry in action in the community. Thanks to each of you who are giving your valuable time during this busy season. You are ministering to so many who need encouragement and a special lift right now.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE MOVED TO DECEMBER 13th! Sanctuary Choir members — the party will still include a delicious dinner in the Dining Room at 5:30, Thursday, December 13th. However, wear *casual* dress, as we will have the dress rehearsal for "Messiah" from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The entire family is invited to have dinner with the choir members. There will be a nursery provided and care for older children after they eat. Tickets will be sold at the door — \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children up to 10 years of age.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 P.M.

CHURCH DINING ROOM

### MISSION GIFTS LOTTIE MOON

GOAL .....\$76,000.00  
GIVEN TO DATE .....\$ 5,854.50

### BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

7:00 P.M.—PRAYER GROUP  
with Jewell Garrett  
1000 East Lloyd Street  
—BIBLE STUDY GROUP  
with Mrs. Kathleen Stokes  
1843 Copley Drive

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### IN THE HOSPITALS:

##### *Baptist*

Mr. Lawrence Vance, Mrs. Mary Jones,  
Mrs. Billie Taylor

##### *Specialty Care*

Mrs. Mary Charles Renfroe

##### *West Florida*

Mr. Lee Hardy, Mrs. Myra Siegel, Mrs.  
Rue Camp, Mr. K. K. Knight, Mrs. Lottie  
Anderson

#### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Tom Poe, Mrs. E. A. Allen, Mrs.  
Elva Brooks, Mrs. Ola Rampey, Mrs.  
Ruth McGraw, Mr. H. H. Huddleston

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Raymond Edwards in the death of  
his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Fields.  
Mrs. Ralph Nichols in the death of her  
husband.  
Mrs. Marge McNair in the death of her  
husband.



### "THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

Children 5 Department will present "The Christmas Story" in the Cellar Area on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 P.M. and Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend this delightful presentation.

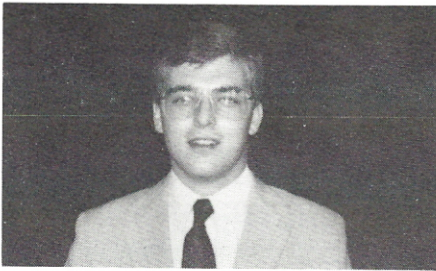
### BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY) GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 11

9:30 A.M.—DOROTHY MADDOX  
with Mrs. Leon Flowers  
133 Eagle Drive  
10:00 A.M.—SHERRA ARMSTRONG  
with Mrs. Charles Burns  
3960 Renoir Street  
—VIRGINIA COBB  
with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy  
2100 East Mallory Street  
—STANLEY DAVIS  
with Mrs. J. R. Early  
4280 April Drive  
—BETTY EGEDY and  
BETTIE TOMLINSON  
with Mrs. Lon Roberts  
104 West Jackson Street  
—LINDA LEECH  
with Mary E. Harrison  
at the Church  
—CHARLOTTE OWENS  
with Mrs. William D. Jacobs  
585 Bay Cliff Circle  
11:00 A.M.—ALTA ALLISON  
with Mrs. O. F. Aultman  
102 Drew Circle  
2:00 P.M.—ROSIE BEDSOLE  
with Mrs. W. T. Osborn  
304 West Moreno Street



RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP  
DECEMBER 2, 1984



MR. MARK JOHNSON

**CHURCH CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

(Following the Evening Service)  
**AGENDA**

1. Receive Monthly Reports
2. Recommendation from Committee on Committees
3. Old Business
4. New Business

*Mr. and Mrs. Judson O. Moore, Sr.  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Diane Rae*

*to*

*Gregory H. Kuh*

*on Saturday, the eighth of December  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida  
Reception following  
Fellowship Hall*



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE**

On December 15th the Acteens will be sponsoring their Annual Christmas Shopping Spree at Escambia County Nursing Home. This will enable residents in the nursing home to shop for Christmas gifts for friends and family. If you would like to share in this Christmas joy, turn in men's or women's gifts to the Church Office by December 12th.

Suggestions are: Socks, ties, lotions, handkerchiefs, handmade items, shaving lotion, etc. It is helpful if appropriate items are in plastic.

**IN MEMORIAM**

MR. O. R. McNAIR  
P. O. Box 2006  
Pensacola, FL 32513

Joined our Church by Letter on  
March 1, 1960

Deceased: December 3, 1984



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**10:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.**

**YMCA**

Cost: \$6.00 (includes food, swimming and midnight bowling). Sign-up this Sunday in your Sunday School class. Limited to 75 people. (You may bring a sleeping bag if you like.) Parents, please be prompt in picking up your child at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning at the YMCA.

**FBC PRAYER MINISTRY**

Do you have a prayer partner or partners? There is no bond quite as close as that achieved when people pray together or privately for one another. God knows that sometimes we feel defeated and that we take our eyes off Him and focus instead on our circumstances; however, if we ask He will send us one or more who will be willing to drop everything and join hearts with us in prayer.

God gives us so many examples in the Bible of this type of blessed support. A most memorable one is in Exodus 17 where Joshua has gone out under Moses' direction to fight the Amaleks. Moses was to stand on a hill with the rod of God in his hand. Aaron and Hur accompanied Moses to the top of the hill, where they noticed that when "Moses held up the rod, Israel prevailed, and when he let it down, Amalek prevailed." (v. 11). As the battle progressed, Moses' hands were heavy, but Aaron and Hur stayed on either side and supported Moses so that the rod of God could be hoisted and the victory won.

Thank God for the Aarons and Hurs in your life who are willing to support you in prayer. Also, take advantage of every opportunity God gives you through His church to grow in your prayer life so that you too may be an Aaron or a Hur.

**COLLEGE / SINGLES 1  
ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, December 16 —**  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
at 9:30 A.M.

**Friday, December 21 —**  
CAROLING PARTY  
Meet at the Church at 6:00 p.m.,  
followed by Food and Fellowship  
at the Logsdon's, 2435 Reser-  
vation Road, Gulf Breeze.

**IN MEMORIAM**

MR. RALPH B. NICHOLS  
300 Calhoun Avenue  
Pensacola, FL 32507

Joined our Church by Letter on  
February 10, 1980

Deceased: November 27, 1984

**STAFF ANNIVERSARIES  
FOR DECEMBER**

ANNIE DEES, Nursery .....1977  
MYRTLE POTTER, Kitchen .....1979



**Poinsettias In Sanctuary  
For Christmas**

Beginning Sunday, December 16, our Sanctuary will be arrayed with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season.

If you wish to place a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, you may do so by filling out the form below. The cost will be \$10.00 each.

We would appreciate your waiting until after the Christmas Eve Vesper Service on December 24 to pick it up and then share it with a shut-in or friend.

Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and mailed, along with this form, to FBC, 500 N. Palafox, Pensacola, FL 32501. Deadline for participation is Friday, December 14.

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PLEASE CLIP ALONG DOTTED LINE

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_



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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Mr. Joe Napier, Chairman of Deacons.....434-7828  
Dr. Hiram Smith, Jr., S.S. Director.....432-4697  
Jenna Young, W.M.U. Director.....433-8498  
Mildred Gentry, Director of Library Services 478-1367

### CHURCH STAFF — Residence Phones

Dr. Brian L. Harbour, Pastor.....434-3308  
Rev. Bill Santo, Assistant to the Pastor.....478-4422  
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Dr. David Chism,  
Minister of Education and Outreach.....478-8004  
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Josephine Williams, Receptionist  
Dr. Lynne Lauderdale-Hinds, Organist  
Patty Taylor, Pianist  
Judy Spadone, Secretary

All material to be included in the Builder  
should be in the office, in writing, not  
later than 10:00 a.m. Mondays.

## Last Week

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2, 1984

SUNDAY SCHOOL .....1,482  
Married Adults ..... 755  
Single Adults ..... 172  
Youth ..... 194  
Children ..... 197  
Preschool ..... 164

CHURCH TRAINING.....No CT in Dec.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.... 631  
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP..... 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Please come to  
DINNER

Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes  
and Gravy  
Field Peas with Snaps  
Cornbread or Roll  
Chocolate Cake  
Tea or Coffee  
Dessert

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- ° 8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 8:30 - 11:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 9:00 A.M.—Telephone Class
- ° 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- ° 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study
- 3:30 P.M.—Puppet Practice
- 4:00 P.M.—Prayer Meeting  
High School Ensemble
- 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.—Library Open
- ° 5:00 P.M.—Church Training  
High School Choir  
College / Singles Choir  
Children's Bible Drill  
Adult Handbells
- ° 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- ° 7:15 P.M.—Church Conference

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- ° 9:00 A.M.—“Needle” Workshop  
Ladies' Aerobics
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
- 7:00 P.M.—Adult Ensemble  
“Needle” Workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Baptist Women Group Meetings —  
As listed elsewhere in the Builder
- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 12:30 P.M.—Leisure Timers Choir
- 5:30 P.M.—Snack Supper
- 6:00 P.M.—Visitation Assignments
- 6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:30 A.M.—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Ladies' Aerobics
- 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
- 4:30 - 7:15 P.M.—Library Open
- ° 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens  
Graded Choirs  
Middle School Choir
- ° 5:15 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
Boy Scout Committee
- ° 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults  
S.S. Weekly Workers Mtg.  
Chapel Singers  
High School JOY  
College / Singles JOY  
Mission Friends  
Middle School Acteens  
Royal Ambassadors  
G.A.'s
- 6:30 P.M.—5th Grade Christmas Play  
Rehearsal
- ° 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts  
H.S. Discipleship Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2, 1984

BY LETTER:

21. Mr. Mark Johnson  
3081-B Belle Meade  
Pensacola, Fl. 32503 — 434-5132  
From: Broadmoor Baptist,  
Shreveport, La.

## EXTENDED SESSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
Janet Scruggs	Tama Andrews
Virginia O'Neal	Janet Brewster
Emily Dobson	Renee Cordes
Ann Milroy	Helen Moore
Diane Norris	Sonya Tignor
Linda Griffin	Ebbie Roberts

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND .....\$ 738.20  
SPECIALS ..... 5,104.00

## BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 2, 1984

Receipts .....\$ 35,351.15  
Weekly Budget Needs.... 26,481.00  
Budget Receipts  
Year To Date..... 1,273,953.86  
Budget Needs  
Year To Date..... 1,297,569.00

## SERMON TOPICS

December 9, 1984

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
“WHAT WAS WRONG  
WITH THE OLDER BROTHER?”  
6:15 P.M.  
“READY TO WITNESS”  
(1 Peter 3:15-16)

10:30 A.M.—Mary Martha S.S. Class  
12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon  
5:30 P.M.—S. Choir Dinner  
6:00 P.M.—Naomi S.S. Class Dinner  
7:00 P.M.—5th Grade Christmas Play  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out  
Ladies' Aerobics
- 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 8:00 A.M.—Acteens Shopping Spree
- 6:30 P.M.—Bykota S.S. Class Dinner

° Nursery Provided